



To boost agricultural cooperation

# Kingdom, Tunisia sign memo of understanding

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and Tunisia signed here Wednesday a memorandum of understanding for agricultural cooperation. The memo was signed by Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdur Rahman Al-Sheikh and visiting Tunisian Farming Minister Al-Asaad ibn Asman. The meeting was the final working session between the two ministers. Asman had held talks with several Saudi Arabian ministers to promote bilateral relations.

The memo of understanding concentrates on both sides' emphasis on cooperation by exchanging experts and information. The Kingdom will provide the results of its irrigation research while Tunisia offers expertise from its artificial irrigation and feeding methods, aimed at preserving the subterranean water level.

The memo also provides for granting scholarships for specialists at the Tunisian Farming Ministry in animal resources, the possibility of recruiting Tunisian qualified personnel for work in Saudi Arabia at the level of assistant technicians, skilled workers and veterinary doctors. The agreement also stresses the need for continuing consultations and reinforcing cooperation.

Asman said after the meeting that establishing a joint fishing company in Tunisia is being studied. The joint company would be set up in the context of the Saudi-Tunisian Investment Company.

He added that a group of Tunisian veterinary doctors will come to work in Saudi Arabia, in addition to a team of assistant technicians in various specializations. The

Tunisian personnel will work under the supervision of Saudi Arabian officials, he said. The two countries will also exchange agricultural products and information in agricultural research.

Speaking about his discussions with Al-Sheikh, Asman said these were complementary to talks held in Tunisia last September during a visit by the Saudi Arabian minister. The Tunisian minister highlighted the Kingdom's agricultural work, saying that the agriculture and water ministry is using the natural resources, including water and land, in a way that will give a strong push to the agricultural progress in the country.

He expressed admiration for the young Saudi Arabian qualified personnel working in agriculture and supervising the existing projects. Asman said that he closely watched the huge projects aimed at developing agriculture and increasing animal resources during his tour.

Al-Sheikh said that talks with his Tunisian counterpart covered all aspects of cooperation and concentrated on fish resources and possible ways of establishing a joint fishing company. Saudi Arabia will provide Tunisian experts with scholarships to study in some universities, especially in colleges specializing in agriculture, like the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine and the Veterinary Training Center in the Kingdom.

The Tunisian minister arrived in Jeddah from Riyadh late. He was received by Abdul Aziz Nassir, director general of the Saline Water Conversion Corporation in the Western Region, and Tunisian embassy staff.



Dr. Abdur Rahman Al-Sheikh

## Security chief to attend graduation

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Public Security Chief Gen. Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Saturday will honor several groups of graduates from the Officers' Institute. A ceremony will be held to fete the graduation of the first course of discipline observance, the second preparatory course for university graduate officers and the first preparatory course for Civil Defense air pilots.

The first and second courses had begun, Dec. 22. The first class grouped 30 cadets from the various police zones who were taught security, policy discipline and Islamic studies. The second batch also grouped 30 offici-

ers, all graduates of universities in the Kingdom and the United States. There also were taught Islam as a subject besides their regular training. Posts were then allocated by the Interior Ministry to the graduates.

The third training course was for Civil Defense pilots and was enrolled by 13 pilots and officers from the Special Security Forces.

They will be joined by Civil Defense pilots specialized in helicopters. The latter work in the Eastern, Western and Central regions. They are members of the helicopter fire brigades. The second batch also grouped 30 offici-

## Eastern Province projects streamlined

DAMMAM, Feb. 17 (SPA) — The Eastern Province branch of the Ministry of Public Works is supervising projects under implementation totaling SR77.46 million.

The projects provide for temporary asphalting in Dammam, Qatif, Safwa, Alkhabar and Neariah; fencing of graveyards in Abqaiq, Neariah, Anak and other villages; construction of seven lavatories in Alkhabar and the construction of buildings to house government departments in Rahima, Khafji and Hafir-Al-Baten.

Recently, the branch handed over projects totaling SR4.45 million. These include a new building for the Social Education College in Ahsa; a telephone exchange for Dammam's Passport Department and the renovation of the Quality Control Laboratory in Dammam and the headquarters of the Red Crescent in Qatif.

In another development, Jafra rural com-

plex has recently commissioned temporary surfacing projects for its villages totaling SR6.8 million. Other projects commissioned by the complex include the fencing of graveyards in Taraf, Fodouli, Sabet and Jafra for a total value of SR2,496,456.

A spokesman for the complex said that it is implementing other projects which call for the construction of four shades for wholesalers' markets in Jafra, Taraf and Qara, amounting to SR1,529,340. It is also building four new markets for Fodouli, Markaz, Taraf and Jasha villages at an estimated cost of SR1,409,182.

Between March 13 and 14, the complex will be opening bids for the construction of a rural complex in Jafra and the fencing of a number of graveyards in Ahsa villages.

Meanwhile, Ahsa's Technical Coordination and Follow-Up Committee met Wednesday under Abdul Rahman Al-Naim, head

of the municipality's technical division and chairman of the committee. The meeting was attended by representatives of Ahsa's municipalities the irrigation and drainage project, the Water and Sewage Department, and other government departments.

The meeting discussed, among other things, the granting of construction licenses by the various government departments and means to ensure coordination among such projects. It also took up the facilitation of procedures in granting standard permits for all types of activities for the sake of harmony.

### Ali Saleh, Jazaeri meet

SANA, Feb. 17 (SPA) — North Yemeni President Col. Ali Abdullah Saleh received Saudi Arabian Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazaeri here Wednesday, and reviewed bilateral relations as well as cooperation already existing between the two countries in different fields.

Jazaeri later arrived in Jizan, after several days' visit to North Yemen during which he

attended the opening ceremony of the SR250 million Salam Hospital in Saada, whose financing was provided by Saudi Arabia.

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Asr (Afternoon)	3:53	3:52	3:23	3:09	3:33	4:01
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:21	6:19	5:50	5:35	6:00	6:27
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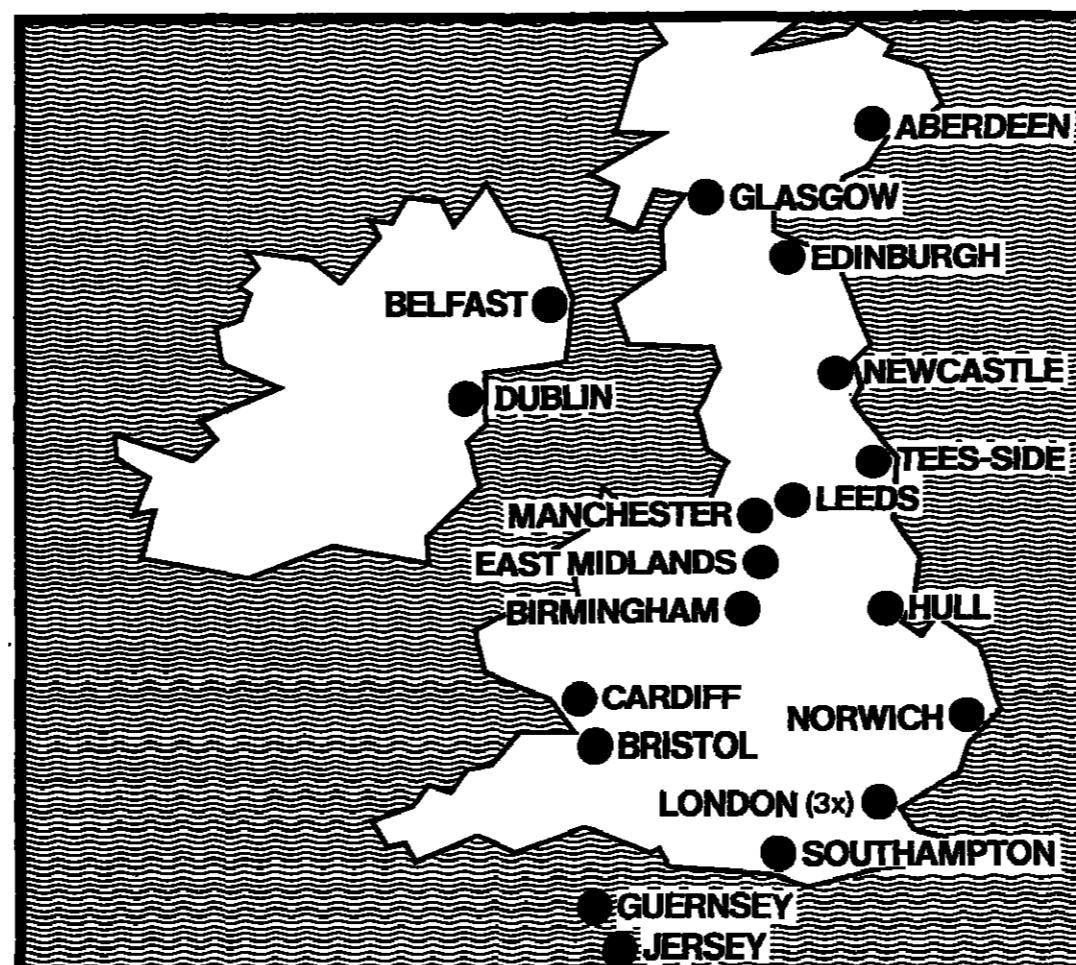
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**Sri Lankan aide calls on Sattam, other officials**

RIYADH, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam and Sri Lankan minister of communications and religious affairs, at his office here Wednesday.

During the meeting, attended by Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, the two sides reviewed bilateral relations and various aspects of cooperation between the two countries.

Earlier, Haniffa Muhammad was received separately by Sheikh Abdul Wahhab, in the presence of Abdullah Bogas, undersecretary for pilgrimage affairs. They exchanged views on a number of subjects of common interest, besides discussing possible ways of boosting cooperation between the two countries.

At noon, the Sri Lankan official was welcomed by Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Abdullah ibn Baz, president of the departments of scholarly research, religious ruling (Fatwa), Islamic Call (Dawah) and guidance. Talks centered on the condition of Muslims in Sri Lanka and the needs of Islamic activity in that country.

The talks were attended by Abdullah Bogas; Sheikh Ibrahim ibn Saleh Al-Sheikh, deputy president; and Sheikh Muhammed ibn Ibrahim ibn Qa'nd, managing director of Islamic activity abroad.

Haniffa Muhammad, who arrived here Tuesday, returned to Jeddah Wednesday, in the context of his present visit to Saudi Arabia. He was seen off at Riyadh airport by Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdul Wasie, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, and other officials.

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## Faisal gives royal notes to Al-Nahyan

ABU DHABI, Feb. 17 (SPA) — Prince Faisal ibn Fahd, general president of Youth Welfare and chairman of the Saudi Arabian Olympic Committee, conveyed two messages from King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd to Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan, president of the United Arab Emirates, here Wednesday.

Prince Faisal, who is also chairman of the Arab Athletic Games Federation, was received by the UAE leader in the presence of Saeed Salman, UAE's minister of education and youth.

The prince arrived here early Wednesday and was met at the airport by the education and youth minister. He said after arrival that Saudi Arabia will place all its potential for the success of the Gulf tournament which will be organized at the Zayed sports city. "The success of this tournament will be considered a success for all," he added.

Prince Faisal said further that his visit provided him an opportunity to discuss with the UAE officials all matters concerning sports and youth activities.

Earlier Tuesday, the prince was received in Kuwait by Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, ruler of Kuwait, and met with Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah.

## Alkhobar motor exhibit to open

By Kay Campbell  
Alkhobar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, Feb. 17 — Al Gosaibi Metropolitan Hotel of Alkhobar will host its third annual week-long motor show starting Saturday. Over 100 automobiles will be exhibited at the show, including the formula one, Saudi sponsored, prize winning racing car.

The show, sponsored by local auto dealers, will feature the new 1982 models. Nearly all models sold in the eastern province, from the latest Jaguar to Toyota, will be on display.



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Students teargassed, fired on

## Palestinians protest closure of Bir Zeit U

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (AP) — Palestinians staged protests in the occupied West Bank Wednesday, a day after Israeli military authorities ordered a two-month shutdown of the Palestinian Bir Zeit University, the military command said.

Israeli troops used tear gas and fired shots to disperse a group of Palestinian students near the refugee camp of Qalandia who stoned an Israeli military patrol, Israeli army radio reported. Two soldiers were injured in the stoning.

A civilian airplane, scheduled to take off at a nearby airport, delayed its departure because of the disturbance. The plane took off after the shots fired in the air stopped.

Students in the West Bank town of Ramallah, eight kms north of Tel Aviv stoned an Israeli government building as shops remained closed. Anti-Israeli slogans were

## Striking Golan workers fired

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (AP) — Several hundred Druze workers in the occupied Golan Heights, on strike since Sunday in protest of the jailing of four community leaders, were fired Tuesday. Israeli correspondents there learned.

The four largest towns in the Golan were virtually deserted and all activities were at a standstill Tuesday as the region's 13,000 Druze residents continued a general strike.

The four leaders were jailed last Friday after protesting Israel's annexation of the Golan Heights last Dec. 14 and declaring their attachment with Syria. The striking workers were quoted by Israeli radio as saying: "This retaliatory measure will not make us retreat." The residents were quoted as

## Goukouni offers to quit for unity

NDJAMENA, Feb. 17 (AP) — Embattled Chadian President Goukouni has indicated his willingness to step down if it would help "to restore peace in Chad."

But he told a press conference here Tuesday he opposed a reshuffle in his transitional Government of National Unity (GUNT), composed of leaders of most of Chad's numerous factions. "although all the ministers are suggesting it," Goukouni also refused to say if he would be a candidate in future elections, which he said the government was prepared to organize, though not within the time limit laid down by the recent Organization of African Unity (OAU) conference on Chad in Nairobi.

The conference, whose decisions were rejected by the GUNT, said that a ceasefire between the government and the rebel-

found plastered on the walls of a teachers' college in the town, according to the military. Protests were also staged in the neighboring town of El Bireh and Nablus.

Israeli military authorities shut down Bir Zeit University after two Israeli education officials were attacked by students on the campus Monday. One official required hospitalization. The other fired into the air with a pistol to clear the way through the crowd of students.

The university, which resumed classes six weeks ago after a two-month shut down, is a center of Palestinian nationalism in the West Bank. Israeli troops Tuesday arrested 50 students for tussling with the Israeli officials, but later released all but four. Two lecturers were also being questioned for possession of Palestine Liberation Organization literature.

Armed Forces of the North (FAN) should come into effect by the end of this month. It also said a new constitution should be drawn up and general and presidential elections held before the end of June, when the OAU peacekeeping force in Chad is scheduled to withdraw.

President Goukouni again rejected the Nairobi proposals, and called on the OAU to pull together and analyse the Chadian question coolly in order to help to end the war."

Goukouni said the Chadian problem was a military one and the government would act "with the aid of friendly brother countries." He said that he would never ask the OAU force to withdraw from Chad because it would be tantamount to giving the Pan-African organization an undeserved honor.

## U.S. to sell \$180m plant to Turkey

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 (R) — The Pentagon has announced plans to sell \$180 million worth of industrial plant equipment to Turkey to increase its ability to service its U.S.-made air force planes.

U.S. Air Force officials said the decision could be the first step toward Turkey co-producing aircraft parts for use by North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger discussed co-production when he visited Ankara last December.

The Pentagon's announcement followed an earlier sale of \$5 million equipment to Turkey to overhaul and maintain its planes, which include old Lockheed F-104s and McDonnell Douglas F-4s.

The Pentagon also announced plans to sell Kuwait 56 guided missile vehicles and 4,840 guided missiles, along with spare parts and technical services, valued at \$97 million. It said the equipment would help Kuwait provide for its security by improving its defenses. Kuwait already has similar guided missile systems, the Pentagon said.

## Ali Nasser visits Cuba

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — President Ali Nasser Muhammad of South Yemen arrived Tuesday in Havana for an official visit and was greeted by Cuban President Fidel Castro, Cuba's official news agency reported.

The Prensa Latina dispatch, monitored here, said the hymns of both Cuba and South Yemen were played at Jose Marti International Airport to mark the arrival of Ali Nasser. Thousands of people attended the ceremony, Prensa Latina said.

Cuban President Fidel Castro met him at the airport. Relations between the two countries are very close.

## Syria accepts U.N. limit on territorial waters

DAMASCUS, Feb. 17 (R) — Syria, which last year said it was extending its territorial waters from 12 to 35 miles, said Wednesday it would abide by any international limit laid down by the United Nations.

The 35-mile limit was proclaimed last August shortly after American warplanes shot down two Libyan fighters, which the U.S. said opened fire in the Gulf of Sirte off the Libyan coast, where an American naval exercise was under way. Libya said the Gulf, which forms an indentation in the Libyan coastline, was part of its waters, but Washington said the claim was invalid.

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# Revolt totters Begin's cabinet

TEL AVIV, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Israel's coalition government may be threatened by Prime Minister Menahem Begin's decision to overturn the dismissal by the tiny Tami Party of leading officials in the labor and social welfare ministry, which it controls, various sources said Wednesday.

The Tami Party, whose three members of parliament are crucial to the Likud coalition's narrow majority, has threatened to quit the coalition if Begin does not reconsider his decision. The party is led by Aharon Abuhatzira.

Deputy Social Welfare Minister Ben-Zion Rubin said on television earlier this week the party had a right to put its own men in the top posts of its ministry. But Begin — who has taken over the top ministry post temporarily because Abuhatzira has been charged with corruption — quickly rescinded the firings.

The *Ma'ariv* newspaper said the prime minister would favor new elections to a capitulation to the Tami pressure.

The English-language *Jerusalem Post* added that new elections could be expected soon after Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai, set for April 25.

## Velayati denies plea to Algeria for mediation

ALGIERS, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Iran has not asked Algeria to mediate in its war with Iraq. Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said here Tuesday night at the end of an official visit to Algiers.

Velayati told a press conference that Iran's conditions for ending the long-running war had not changed since the beginning: Iraqi troops must leave Iranian territory and pay reparations, and an international organization or "brother country" should decide which state was the aggressor. He also denied reports that Israel had supplied military equipment to Iran. "Our relations with the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organization) are very good," he said. He added that Israel understood only the language of force, and Iran wanted peaceful solutions to the Middle East conflict "which only helps Israel to perpetuate its domination over the Palestinian people. He said Iraq no longer qualified to be a nonaligned state. Velayati said his visit was aimed at strengthening relations between two "progressive" states.

## Rajavi threatens death to top Iranian leaders

BEIRUT, Feb. 17 (AP) — Iran's most powerful opposition group has pledged continued resistance to Ayatollah Khomeini's regime with a two-pronged attack aimed at removing key regime figures and organizing strikes to cripple the country's economy.

Mujahedeen Khalq leader Massoud Rajavi, now living in self-exile in Paris, told the Associated Press in Beirut by telephone recently that although he doesn't believe in the "physical removal of people," it was necessary to "get rid of those persons responsible for oppression in Iran." Rajavi stressed a "bloodbath is not the answer" but at the same time said it was vital for the people to be able to obtain correct information about Khomeini's regime "something

that is impossible to do now because of the people in charge." There is also the need for a general strike "to prepare grounds for a popular uprising against the regime," he said.

The Tehran government staged a massive crackdown on leftist guerrillas throughout the capital city killing three key Mujahedeen members in a raid on one of their Tehran hideouts. Those killed included Mousa Khiyabani, commander-in-chief of the Mujahedeen inside Iran, his wife Azar Reza'i and Rajavi's wife Ashraf Rafi.

Despite the loss of his wife and Khiyabani, Rajavi, told the AP "The dawn of freedom for our people is close at hand. I see the year 1982 as the last one for Khomeini."

## Wazzan to visit 5 Gulf states

BEIRUT, Feb. 17 (R) — Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al-Wazzan, plans to visit five Arab states in the Gulf next week, official sources said Wednesday. Wazzan will start his tour in Saudi Arabia Sunday and then go on to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar, returning to Beirut Friday.

The independent Lebanese newspaper *Al-Nahar* said Wazzan would discuss financial aid to Lebanon, fears of an Israeli attack

in the south and the prospects for an Arab League committee working to reconcile Lebanon's warring factions.

At an Arab League Summit in Tunis in 1979, Arab states agreed to give Lebanon \$2 billion over five years to help aid the war-torn country.

So far only \$384 million of the \$800 million for the first two years have arrived, finance ministry officials say.

## Mubarak back home after Oman trip

CAIRO, Feb. 17 (R) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived home from Muscat Wednesday after two days of talks with Sultan Qaboos of Oman on Middle East developments.

The trip to Oman was the first to another Arab country by Mubarak since he took power after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat last Oct. 6.

Oman radio said Tuesday night that the talks dealt with the Arab situation, issues of mutual interest and the fostering of bilateral ties. In Cairo, the official Middle East News Agency quoted Mubarak's political advisor,

Osama El-Baz, as saying the two leaders had also discussed ways of reinforcing the Middle East peace process.

In the communiqué, Egypt expressed support for Qaboos's "wise policy in countering the plots and intrigues his government faces." This appeared an indirect reference to the reported unrest in the Dhofar area of south — Oman, where Communist rebel tribesmen are said to be operating with the backing of South Yemen.

Oman has accused South Yemen of plotting with the Soviet Union, Libya and Ethiopia to undermine states in the Gulf.

## BRIEFS

ANKARA, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Faruk Kadumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) political section, has postponed an official visit to Turkey owing to Ankara's abstention in the United Nations vote against Israel. *Cumhuriyet* newspaper said Wednesday. The daily said that Turkey and the PLO had agreed that Kadumi should pay an official visit to Turkey this month, just after the U.N. vote called by Arab countries in protest at the annexation of the Golan.

KUWAIT (R) — Leading Arab businessmen called on their governments Wednesday to drastically review their relations with the United States and other powers supporting Israel in the Middle East conflict. The council

of the General Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry, which made the call after a two-day meeting, did not recommend specific measures against the U.S. But it urged individual Arabs to redirect their investments and business deals to unidentified friendly countries.

AMOL (AFP) — Three weeks after a bloody battle between the rebels and revolutionary guards in this northern Iranian town, the guards still file past sandbags, and bullet-riddled buildings toward the surrounding woods, still seeking remnants of the opposition. But their fears of a return of the group that residents call the "jangali" — the ones who came from the forest — do not appear to be shared.

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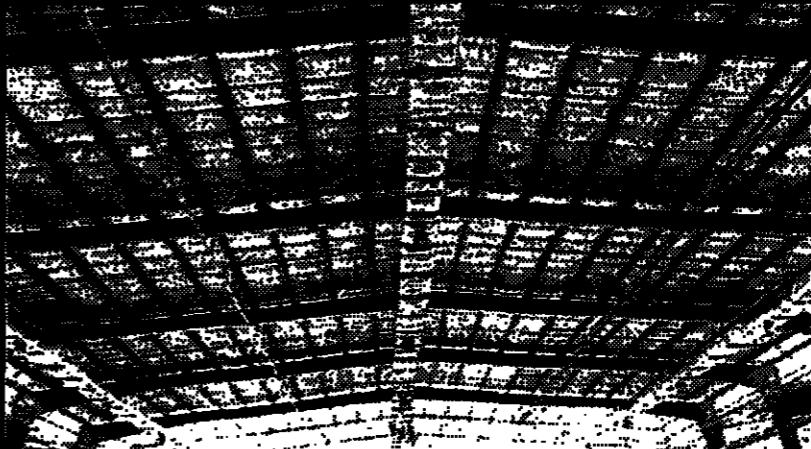
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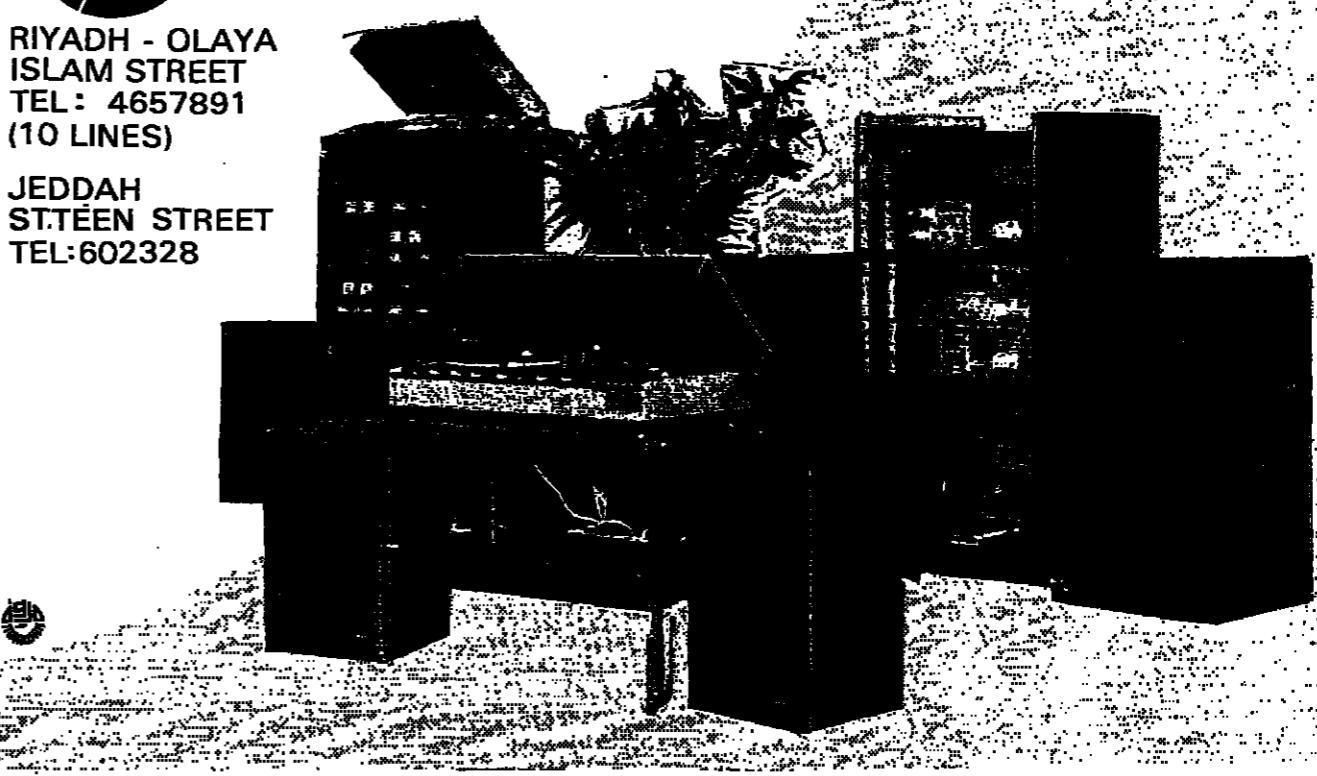
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## THE LESSER EVIL

The allies of the United States have often wondered why it insists on supporting El Salvador's present rulers, given their failure all this time to ensure even the minimum of security and stability for the country. Here is a regime which is not merely dictatorial and terroristic, but is also, patently and by any criterion, a failure.

The allies also wonder what is there to prevent the Americans from extending aid to the movements opposing the regime, so as to ensure an alternative acceptable to the United States, one which would exclude the influence of the Soviet Union.

The argument of the administration — and indeed of previous administrations when faced with similar situations — is that such regimes as that of Duarte in El Salvador represent the 'lesser evil', as their opponents seek to hand the country over to the Soviet Union and Cuba.

But this argument has always worked so that it is exactly this result which obtains. Such assumptions tend to be self-fulfilling, as opponents of regimes similar to that of El Salvador find themselves faced with the United States, and so see no option but to ally themselves to the Russians or the Cubans. This has happened so many times in the past that it is a wonder the obvious conclusion has not yet been drawn.

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## Saudi Arabian press review

Saudi Arabia's distinguished and unquestionable role in supporting Arab and Islamic causes, the current Arab situation and developments in the Arab world in the light of Israel's threats to wage a wide-scale assault on southern Lebanon figured for editorial comments in Wednesday's newspapers.

*Al-Bilad* observed the Kingdom's ever-increasing political, economic and military weight has caused concern to its enemies, and that accounts for the unsuccessful attempt to distort its bright image.

*Okaz* criticized those who are trying to cast shadows on the Kingdom's Arab role. It cited the recent allegations by foreign media accusing the Kingdom of using its territories for sabotage against South Yemen as an example of the series of anti-Saudi Arabia campaigns masterminded by the enemies of Arabs and Muslims led by the Zionists and agents of imperialism.

"These hostile campaigns are doomed to failure since the Kingdom will never abandon its major responsibilities in backing with full weight Arab and Islamic issues and confronting Zionist, Communist and imperialist elements wherever they are," the paper added.

Refuting claims by a PLO official that the Kingdom was a Soviet agent, *Okaz* said nobody has branded PLO as a Soviet agent on the ground that it is getting its arms supplies from Moscow. The paper regretted such statements and said the Palestinians know well who are rendering constant and full support to their struggle.

"The Kingdom's full support to the Palestinian issue is widely rec-



## Mrs. Gandhi worried about superpower rivalry in Indian Ocean

By Arthur Gavshon

NEW DELHI —

Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian premier, is deeply concerned about the growing superpower confrontation in the Indian Ocean, which is eroding the littoral states' determination to establish the area as a "zone of peace." Her deepest concern focuses on the huge American arms and aid package for Pakistan, which she says is undermining India's economic objectives.

In an hour-long interview, Mrs. Gandhi discussed the implications of the U.S.-Soviet buildup. To put Mrs. Gandhi's anxieties into context, it is necessary to look at recent events in the Indian Ocean.

The latest — according to government officials here — is India's decision to shut its ports and airfields to American and British warships and warplanes using the Indian Ocean island-base of Diego Garcia. New Delhi has also asked Sri Lanka to explain the nature, extent and purpose of the staging, oil storage and recreational facilities being made available to America's Seventh Fleet at the former British naval base at Trincomalee.

Privately, the Sri Lankans have denied they are granting the Americans conventional base facilities in return for U.S. economic aid. It is known in Delhi nevertheless that a Texan firm called Coastal Corporation has reached agreement to reactivate the huge World War II oil terminal at Trincomalee to service U.S. and other allied warships.

At the same time Japan is funding the development of a huge rest and recreational complex for the former British naval base at Trincomalee.

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## Argentina's Galtieri promises gradual return to democracy

By Jimmy Burns

BUENOS AIRES —

As Argentina approaches the sixth anniversary of its right-wing military coup on March 24, Buenos Aires is experiencing the first perceptible, if still faint, signs of political liberalization. Officially Argentina remains under a state of siege. Political Parties and union activities are banned, and Buenos Aires still has its no-go areas where a pedestrian may be shot by soldiers if found loitering.

On Thursday afternoons a group of women wearing white bandanas walk silently before the Casa Rosada, the presidential palace. It is a passive protest against the refusal of the military authorities to publicize the names of the estimated 6,500 Argentinians who disappeared after the coup. A year ago the women would have been bundled into police vans. On the streets of Buenos Aires the only perceptible violence these days is the occasional bank raid — but this is a farce from before. When the military took power, street battles between security forces and guerrillas were a daily occurrence. Politically-motivated kidnappings took place by the hour. Yet according to human rights organizations,

only six persons have been kidnapped in the last 12 months, and five of these have been returned alive by their captors.

The left-wing guerrillas have been utterly discredited and anyway they have lost the war," said a local journalist.

Military officers called it the "holy war," a latter-day crusade against what they saw as the threat of Marxism and anarchy. In the course of fighting the war they liquidated thousands of "terrorists" and many men and women remotely connected with them. The peace has been achieved through sheer force, and now the military seems more disposed than before to loosen the ties of repression.

In recent weeks there has been a gradual lifting of censorship. Television remains firmly under the control of the military, but a number of previously banned films have been put on general release, including *Man of Iron*, about Solidarity's struggle for freedom in Poland, and *Coming Home*, a stirring attack on U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

A series of concerts are scheduled to be given later this month by Mercedes Sosa, a Communist

Mrs. Gandhi's meaning was clear. As the U.S. buildup gathers momentum the Soviet Union can be expected to increase its strength in the area. She acknowledged Indian efforts to discourage the superpowers have so far failed. "Our pressing does not make any difference," she said, "but there's no question of changing our policy."

Washington has advised India that the buildup of U.S. strike power owes its origins to the Soviet entry into Afghanistan and the turmoil in Iran, which could in turn become a target for Soviet attack. Moscow has told India that Soviet warships will quit the area only if the Americans do so.

Mrs. Gandhi voiced concern about the consequences of the \$3.2 billion package of American military and economic aid for Pakistan. Besides providing Pakistan with advanced weapons, including 40 F-16 strike planes, the aid program is destabilizing India's economy, Mrs. Gandhi said. Her government had now to divert for defense "a lot of money needed for really crucial" development.

She scorned suggestions that U.S. rearmament of Pakistan resulted from Russia's intervention in Afghanistan. "Pakistan's request for weaponry prepares Soviet entry into Afghanistan," she said.

Mrs. Gandhi said that if Pakistan did provide the U.S. with a base it would not only threaten India but would suck the entire region into the superpower conflict. She did not comment directly on the Indian ban on U.S. and British warships and warplanes which use Diego Garcia. That island-base technically is part of what is known as British Indian Ocean Territory, and is about 1,500 miles from the

Indian subcontinental tip. In a war, because it provides a heaven for U.S. nuclear missile carriers, the island would be a prime Soviet target and southern India would be in the fallout area.

Sri Lanka's evident readiness to provide facilities for the Americans is a considerable policy switch, inevitably associated with the U.S. economic favors that have been bestowed on President Jayewardene's conservative administration — even though outside aid has yet to resolve the country's poverty and extreme underdevelopment.

Initially a majority of Indian Ocean states heartily endorsed the "zone of peace" concept, but as the superpower contest has deepened, 15 countries have lined up with the West and three with the Soviets. Six, including India, remain pledged to work for the eviction of American and Soviet military presences.

Mrs. Gandhi has long insisted she is neither pro-American, nor pro-Soviet — only pro-Indian. Throughout the interview her criticisms of U.S. policies were blunt, her references to the Soviets circumspect. This possibly was attributable to her wish to lessen India's reliance on Moscow.

India is trying to mend its fences with China after 20 years of confrontation. It is seeking closer cooperation in arms procurement and high technology with the middle powers of the world. Mrs. Gandhi said she had told Moscow its presence in Afghanistan "is being used to greater advantage" by the West than by the Russians themselves. "I think they recognize it," she observed. (ONS)

tion of his political program without turning back on his economic policies.

Officially Galtieri has given his full backing to Economy Minister Roberto Alemann's tough monetarist policies. Having inherited an inflation rate of 132 percent and a debt of \$30 billion, Alemann is turning the country's public sector upside down, and freezing wages. The public sector, which accounts for about 60 percent of industrial output, has historically had strong defenders in military and civilian circles, and the wage freeze is angering the unions.

In a recent interview, Alemann declared that it was unrealistic to think in terms of a full democracy until the economy had been put back into shape. Critics, however, claim that a parliamentary system must be restored before any successful economic policy can be applied — otherwise social unrest will reach boiling point, and the military may be tempted to embark on yet another war. (ONS)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 18th, the 49th day of 1982. There are 316 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1564 — Arab Michel Angelo dies at age 89.

1685 — La Salle, French explorer, establishes first settlement in Texas.

1813 — Hamburg is occupied by Russians after patriotic outbreak in city against the French.

1856 — Reform edict is published in Turkish Empire.

1915 — Germany blockades England as submarine war is intensified in World War I.

1930 — Geneva Tariff Conference opens.

1965 — African nation of Gambia becomes independent within British Commonwealth.

1974 — Arab oil countries, with exception of Libya and Syria, end oil embargo against the United States.

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## arab news Features

# Economists look ahead, predict bright future when present is past

By Jean Grant  
Akhbar Bureau

"If you can look into the seeds of time and say which grain will grow and which will not, speak then to me..." William Shakespeare, *Macbeth*.

DHAHRAN — Was it that their diagnosis of the U.S. economy was so bleak that they didn't know whether to laugh or cry and chose laughter? Whatever the reason, the international financiers who advised 350 investors at the recent Al Hity Investment Seminar in Dhahran were full of jokes. Most were bittersweet.

Financial advisor Alexander Paris believes firmly in the free market system but very little in Keynesian economics. U.S. government statistics and econometric models. His wits cracks prove it.

"Keynesian economists are like dermatologists," he said. "Neither cures anything, but they travel first class." Quite unfair to dermatologists!

Don't trust government statistics he warned because they may be out a billion or two. The government, he bantered, is like the corporation president who wanted to know what 2 plus 2 equalled. To find out, he called in his lawyer who stroked his beard, cited precedents, and argued astutely that 2 plus 2 equals 4. Then the executive summoned his engineer. After fiddling with his slide rule and puffing on his pipe, the engineer concluded the answer was 4. Still not satisfied, the president sent for his accountant. On hearing the question, the accountant shut the door, tiptoed over to the corporation president and whispered in his ear. "And what do you want it to be, sir?"

So much for U.S. government statistics!

Paris, who is publisher of the *Free Market Perspectives* newsletter, has just as little regard for econometric models, even those done by such prestigious groups as The Club of Rome.

"The Club of Rome ran a model of natural resources through their computers and projected it into the future," he said. "This econometric model forecast the world would run out of natural resources before the end of this century."

Published in the best-seller, *The Limits To Growth*, the findings gave a global boost to ecologists. It didn't impress Paris one whit. He preferred the econometric model cited in the *How To Get To The Future Before It Gets To You*. The top pollution problems in New York City in 1870 were horse manure (the automobile wasn't around of course), and spit. Taking the 1870 figures on manure and spit, and projecting them a century in the future, the prediction was that "by 1970 the city of New York would be under 14 stories of manure and drowning in spit."

It hasn't happened, and why it didn't happen according to Paris, is because individuals learn from experience and change their ways when necessary.

Paris argues that individual economic decisions, or microeconomics, are what counts while government interference only distorts the economy and causes problems. He "wouldn't dream of calling on government to stop recessions since it is government credit policies which cause them."

Paris, who has worked in investment for 21 years, thinks the U.S. economy is now in the

late stages of recession, the time when plants close down and the future looks grim. He takes a sanguine view, however, declaring that "recession is the good part of the cycle when we're curing distortion. Business is adjusting production to lower demands, and this is the first step toward cleaning up the balance sheets."

Although the first quarter of 1982 will be bad, the U.S. economy, he predicts, will have improved by the end of the second quarter, and then will "expand all the way into 1984." He is also optimistic that there is now no risk of runaway inflation or big further collapse in commodity prices.

"The stock market needs one more final washout," according to Paris, "and then it will be time to get into the stocks that are now depressed." Railways and rail equipment, the automobile and housing industries are all due for a boom. So are non-energy resources like copper and zinc.

The speakers at the two day seminar organized by David Valti, agreed that one-third of one's liquid assets should be in speculative investments. Frak Bachmann from FOCO Bank in Switzerland suggested what might be done with another third. You guessed it: it should be put into a Swiss bank. He got warm applause from Americans in the audience when he said that tax evasion (unlike tax fraud) was not a crime in Switzerland. Swiss bankers, who outnumber dentists in that Alpine country, would therefore keep traditional bank secrecy when questioned about clients' accounts by the IRS.

Bachmann's own recipe to become a millionaire is to take \$10,000 to a Swiss bank and convert it to yen or lira. "Then you're immediately a millionaire."

Bachmann was out to reinforce the bankers' mystique rather than debunk it when he quoted the advice of the gnomes of Zurich: When a Swiss banker jumps out of a window, jump also because there is some profit to be made."

Politics, as everyone knows, is serious business, but even on the subject of American policy in the Middle East, Dr. Ibrahim Oweiss leavened his assessment with an anecdote.

After ten years of happily married life, a man wanted to offer his wife a gift. "Well, what is it to be — a mink coat or a trip to Sweden?" he asked her. His spouse replied, "A trip to Sweden — mink coats are cheaper there." Oweiss's point was that the U.S. is caught up in a contradictory policy, thinking it can have its cake and eat it too.

Speaker O.E. Roethmund is president of Deak and Co., the holding company for Deak-Pera that comprise the largest dealers of foreign exchange and precious metals in the world. He was pessimistic about the long-term outlook for the dollar, and the fight against inflation and unemployment in the United States and Europe. Nevertheless, he suggests clever individuals can still beat the system as his story of how one man fought inflation shows.

"A man walked into a bank and asked to borrow \$1,000 against his new Rolls Royce. The bank agreed. Some 30 days later, the car owner reappeared to repay his loan and get his Rolls Royce back. When the manager asked him why, he replied: 'I had just bought this car when I decided to go take a vacation. At \$18 per month interest and a \$5 fee, this was the cheapest place I could find to store it.'



LEARNING THE HORN: Shown here learning early to play the traditional Bavarian Alpenhorn is Peter, the son of master Alpenhorn artist Peter Wondl. The unique horns with their loud tones have been used for many generations to sound throughout mountain valleys and pasture lands in the European Alps.

## A battle over semantics

# Treasure hunter, state haggle over \$60m find

By Stewart Russell

KEY WEST, Florida. (R) — Treasure hunter Mel Fisher has retrieved gold, silver and historic artifacts worth \$60 million from two sunken Spanish galleons on the Gulf of Mexico seabed. He says there is treasure worth a further \$300 million in the wreck of the *Nuestra Senora de Atocha* and \$100 million in the *Santa Margarita*, which lie 40 miles west of Key West.

Fisher says it is all his. The government of Florida says it belongs to the state. Fisher has offered to give the state 25 percent — "a cross-section they can put in their museums."

The state says the treasure is not his to give, but at the same time it has offered to "pay" Fisher 75 percent as a salvor's fee.

In August 1979, seeking to curtail his activities until the legal questions were settled, the state arrested Fisher and jailed him for "grand theft of a cannon."

A grand jury threw out the case. Fisher sued the state for \$11 million in compensatory and punitive damages.

The legal battle, largely one of semantics, went before the U.S. supreme court last Jan. 20. The treasure is meanwhile on display in its entirety for the first and possibly last time.

The treasure is on display in the historic East Martello Fort, a museum in this community at the southern tip of Florida until March 7.

Greeting a visitor on opening date, Fisher, a tall, vigorous, sun-bronzed man in his sixties, casually reached into his jacket pocket and produced a heavy gold chain, about four feet (1.2 meters) long, and draped it around the visitor's neck.

"This will give you some idea," he said with a grin. The visitor gulped and asked the obvious question: "How much is it worth?"

"About a million (dollars)," Fisher said.

Shortly after leaving Havana on Sept. 4, 1622, a fleet of 28 Spanish treasure ships was struck by a fast-moving hurricane and nine vessels went to the bottom, including the *Atocha* and *Margarita*.

The *Atocha* alone carried 161 bars and discs of gold, 1,038 heavy silver bars and about 200,000 hand-stamped silver coins from mints in Peru, Panama, Mexico, Colombia and Chile, all destined for the Spanish treasury in Madrid.

Mel Fisher spent almost 20 years and more than \$7 million in his search for the *Atocha* and the *Margarita*.

He lost a son, daughter-in-law and another young diver when they drowned after one of his boats capsized in 1975.

Fisher and the 60 or so employees of his company, Treasure Salvors Incorporated, scoured 150 fruitless miles before he found the *Atocha* off the Marquesas Keys in 1971.

The state then said the wrecks lay in Florida waters and laid claim to the treasure that Fisher's divers had begun to recover.

Demanding 25 percent, state officials confiscated the gold and silver as it was brought ashore.

Treasure Salvors, which Fisher says is backed by 35 major investors each of whom initially put up between \$25,000 and \$50,000, has offered to give the state division of archives 25 percent of the treasure.

The state has said thanks, but no thanks.

"It's a matter of semantics," says Division Director Ross Morrell. "This material is the property of the people. It's not a case of us taking away 25 percent. We will give them 75 percent as payment for their work."

Thus far the state has lost every legal battle. A U.S. District Court judge ruled in 1978 that "the wreck site is outside the territorial boundaries of the United States and Florida and under provisions of applicable treaties, which are the supreme law of the land, no claim can be made on the basis of sovereign ownership."

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the judges' ruling in 1980, the year that Fisher's divers found the *Margarita*, about three miles from the *Atocha*.

Florida appealed to the Supreme Court.

Hearing oral arguments last month, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor asked attorneys for the state: "At just what point in time, in history, do you believe the state of Florida owned this treasure?"

Fisher says the governments of Colombia,

Peru, Panama, Mexico, Cuba and especially Spain would probably have a better case than the state of Florida.

But they have not staked any claims.

Indeed, Spain's former defense minister, Gen. Manuel Gutierrez Mellado, came to Key West to open Fisher's exhibition, part of which will be shown in Madrid and Barcelona later this year.

The exhibition occupies 12 rooms. There are more than 150 pounds (70 kg) of gold plates, cups, bars and chains and dozens of "Pieces of Eight" arranged on large sprigs of coral in plexiglass cases guarded by police men.

There are also 800 pounds (365 kg) of silver, as well as candlesticks, jewels, etchings, maps and original Spanish documents.

Dioramas and graphics tell the story of the ill-fated 1622 fleet and the recovery of its treasure.

Now the case between Fisher and state has reached the Supreme Court where it has been referred to a technicality.

Florida cites the 11th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which says a state cannot be sued in federal court against its will. State lawyers say this means that Treasure Salvors' victories in federal courts were invalid.

Because state courts do not hear admiralty cases, Treasure Salvors has no recourse but to accept state ownership of the treasure, they add.

MODERN SURGERY: Advanced technical equipment used in German hospitals improves the efficiency of surgeons working to complete delicate operations like kidney transplants.

# Liver transplants could soon be routine

HANOVER (INP) — Many doctors in the Federal Republic of Germany enjoy international recognition. By the same token, numerous hospitals in the Federal Republic are known internationally for the advanced level of their equipment and technology. Thus, liver transplants, for instance, are no longer a heroic operation in German hospitals. However, as the prestigious *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* recently indicated, they are still not as much as clinical routine as kidney transplants.

Professor Rudolf Pichlmayr, director of the department of abdominal and transplant surgery at the surgery center of the Hanover Medical School, is one of the few

surgeons in the world who are forging ahead practically and scientifically in the development of procedures for the treatment of liver problems. The German professor is not only a skillful surgeon, but also enjoys international prestige as a researcher.

Since Pichlmayr came to the northern German city of Hanover (capital of lower Saxony) in 1968, 640 kidney transplants have taken place there, more than in any other German clinic in 1972. Professor Pichlmayr began concentrating more strongly on the liver and put together a team that since then has devoted intensive clinical and scientific study to the problems involved in liver transplants, and has carried out opera-

tions requiring complicated technical equipment.

One of his female patients has been living with a transplanted liver for more than six years now. This, however, should not hide the fact that there are also failures. Still, the few spectacular successes that have been attained document the potential benefit of liver transplants. They permit hope for progress in the future and, at the same time, then justify this kind of radical surgical intervention in the case of fatally ill patients for whom there is no other hope. The liver is a kind of "metabolic factory" for the human body and, as such, we cannot survive without it.

The cable costs almost nothing to the village, on the other hand, transistor batteries are scarce and expensive, and often the only way to obtain them is to register the set with the commune which controls supplies. TV sets (about a million throughout the country) must also be registered.

Radio has been part of Vietnamese life

# Starting next week Arab News will feature news, medical columns

By a Staff Writer

will discuss a number of topics of interest to our readers:

Saturday

JEDDAH. — A satirical view of the news which occurs behind the news, 'Another Look,' by internationally-known columnist Robert Yoakum will next week begin appearing in *Arab News* every Sunday and Wednesday.

Also next week, questions and answers about medical problems will be presented in a five-day-a-week column called "Stop Killing Yourself," by Peter J. Steinrohr, M.D., F.A.C.P. The medical column will begin on this coming Saturday and appear every week Saturday through Wednesday.

The 'Another Look' series will begin this Sunday with one of Yoakum's most popular topics, his survey of 'Good News and Bad News' in which he provides hindsight about a number of recent major news events. In Sunday's column he will take a look at inflation, recent medical cures and Poland.

On Wednesday, Yoakum will take a look at 'The Advantages of Atomic War.' In this column he interviews the well-known geopolitical Dr. Werner von Ganglisch about how to emerge as a 'winner' from a nuclear exchange.

Next week 'Stop Killing Yourself'

Monday

Without question, tension has a cumulative effect. After years of unnatural stress our arteries weaken.

Tuesday

Man/woman must have something to turn to before retiring from a lifetime of work. When man's boredom becomes permanent, the bird of death flutters impatiently outside his window.

Wednesday

Smoking lowers the amount of vitamin C in the blood. Vitamin C pills should be taken in addition to the orange juice one takes.

U.N. sets 1990 goals

# Indonesia is developing its water supply needs

By Warief Djajanto

ond in 1978 to 24,000 liters per second in 1981. A further 30,000 liters per second is expected by 1984. In 1978, the country was able to supply water to only 36 percent of city dwellers and 18 percent of rural folks.

For Indonesia, it is not that easy. For one, it has to develop from a low water supply starting base. Another constraint is that its population could reach about 188 million in 1990 from the present 147 million.

The whole world isn't faring well either. A 1976 World Health Organization report noted that in rural areas, 78 percent of the people did not have reasonable access to adequate water supply.

"Reasonable access" to water supply is defined for cities, for instance, as "sufficiently close" so that family members do not spend a disproportionate part of the day bringing water.

About 25,000 people die every day today because of the lack of clean drinking water. In many developing countries, three to four out of every five children die before the end of their childhood. A primary cause of their early death is polluted water. Indeed, up to three-quarters of all illnesses in the world could be prevented by the adequate supply and correct use of safe water.

In fact, a healthy body can do without food for up to a month, but without water for only a few days. The human body's need for water is more important than for anything, except oxygen.

Water is also important to national development. Talking of the basics alone, drinking, washing and cooking are the three main human uses of water. Farmers and factory owners also realize they cannot work without water, so necessary to livestock, to irrigate fields, and to run industrial plants. So much so that water has often been diverted to industrial uses and farmlands but not to the houses of rural villagers.

The Water and Sanitation Decade target is well meaning, but some countries, given the size of their water problems, may find it daunting. But given the political will, safe water for all is possible.

# Cable radio network relays valuable educational data

By Alex Marshall

HANOI (DN) — While some countries weigh the likely effects of cable television, Vietnam is trying to extend its cable radio network. Started in 1956 after the war against the French, the network now covers the whole of North Vietnam. Nearly every house has its set, linked through a village or commune center to one of 60 local receiving stations, over which comes news, propaganda, music, early morning exercise classes, drama instructions and advice.

A strong local flavor is given by the community relay which adds its own programming to the centrally produced material. In some places, reports and requests by the village committees are relayed over a phone linked to the cable, to the district party or cooperative headquarters.

Ly Van Sau, director of the service, claims that North Vietnam's recent good harvest is proof of the network's effectiveness. New methods of cultivation were used, farmers following

**To end 'colonization'**

# Corsican bombs hit Paris, Versailles

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AP) — Corsican nationalists early Wednesday claimed they planted 19 bombs which exploded during the night in Paris and Versailles, causing minor damage but no injuries, and three others which failed to explode.

The claim was made to the French news agency in the name of the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), a tiny clandestine organization which is more radical than exist-

## Paris reports most burglaries

PARIS, Feb. 17 (R) — Paris has won the unhappy title of the world's most burgled city, insurance figures showed Wednesday.

With 26 break-ins a year per 1,000 inhabitants, it ranks above Los Angeles with 25 and New York with 22, the French Insurance Association's information center said. The figures included thefts from homes and shops.

Nationally, however, France comes only seventh in the burglary league. The center said the United States tops the list with 15 burglaries a year per 1,000 inhabitants, followed by Israel 14, Canada 13, West Germany 12, Britain 11, Austria eight and France five. At the bottom come Spain, one, and Japan, two.

## Army blames leftists

### 51 Guatemalans massacred

GUATEMALA CITY, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Fifty-one farmers, including some women and children, were decapitated at their homes in the Uspantán region (Quiché department) of western Guatemala by unidentified men wielding machetes, it was learned here Tuesday.

The massacre was revealed by a group of reporters visiting western Guatemala, where a large-scale military anti-guerrilla operation is in progress.

The reporters described emotional scene in various towns of the Uspantán region, with relatives crying over the chopped-up bodies of the victims. Guatemalan television showed some such scenes Tuesday night.

High military officials of the forces operating in western Guatemala blamed guerrilla groups for the massacre, calling it a "savage act." The majority of the population in the Uspantán region are farmers of Indian blood who live on what they can raise on their small holdings or work for others.

Guatemala's army chief implied that leftists were to blame for the massacre of the villagers.

Army Chief of Staff Benedicto Lucas García told a news conference Tuesday that "subversive groups" — the term customarily used by officials for leftist opponents of the military government — were responsible for the slaughter.

A 22-year-old woman who was wounded in the attack and died while receiving medical attention reportedly said the attackers were heavily armed gunmen clad in olive-green fatigues.

Another high-ranking military spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said flatly the leftists were responsible. Neither Lucas García nor the military spokesman provided any

ting, legal autonomy movements. The FLNC demands the end of "colonization" of the island by mainland French.

In attacks it claimed last Sunday night in Corsica, one French Foreign Legion soldier was murdered and two other soldiers wounded, while 23 bombs were set off.

The organization had declared a "truce" after the election of Socialist President François Mitterrand last May, awaiting Socialist policy developments toward the island.

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## Mugabe sacks coalition partner

SALISBURY, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe dismissed Joshua Nkomo, his main political rival, from the cabinet Wednesday in the wake of accusations that Nkomo was plotting a coup. Mugabe made the announcement at a news conference.

Mugabe announced a reshuffle of his cabinet in which Nkomo, two other cabinet ministers from Nkomo's party and the only deputy minister from Nkomo's party were fired. Earlier in the day, security sources had said the army and police were under orders to continue detentions of members of Nkomo's minority Zimbabwe African People's Union. The sources said the offices and homes of ZAPU leaders also were being searched.

Mugabe, outright winner of Zimbabwe's independence election in April 1980, with 57 seats in the 100-seat parliament, invited Nkomo's party to join him in government for the sake of national unity following seven years of war between black nationalists and white rule.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe soldiers and police were under orders Wednesday to continue detentions of ZAPU party men and security offices and homes of its officials for evidence of an alleged coup, security sources said. An undisclosed number of officials and supporters

## Inhuman treatment of unionist in South African jail alleged

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 17 (R) — Controversy grew Wednesday over the death in police detention of a white trade union leader after veteran opposition politician Helen Suzman said he had been subjected to inhuman and degrading treatment.

Speaking in a special debate on the report of a government commission which investigated South Africa's tough security laws, Mrs. Suzman read a letter from an unidentified detainee which alleged that Dr. Neil Aggett had been beaten up.

The death of Dr. Aggett, the Transvaal secretary of a black workers' union, in his cell early this month, sparked protests in South Africa and abroad. Police said Dr. Aggett's death, the first of a white man in security police custody, was suicide.

Government spokesman rejected Mrs. Suzman's allegations and Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said: "The member for Houghton (Mrs. Suzman) has proved here today that she can fabricate documents." Police Minister Louis Le Grange challenged her to name the detainee who had supplied the information. He also denied that Dr. Aggett had been ill-treated while in detention.

## BRIEFS

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Organizers of the Miss Universe beauty contest announced Tuesday the selection of Lima as the venue of the 1982 Miss Universe pageant to be held in June. They said selection of Peru marks the first time a South American country has been chosen to host the event. The contest was held last year in New York City.

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Regis Debray, special envoy of French President Francois Mitterrand, arrived here Wednesday as part of an Asian tour seeking information on refugees and the Southeast Asian and Cambodian political situations. A French Embassy official here said Debray, who is attached to the president's office, would discuss those topics with senior Thai Foreign Ministry, military and security officials, during a 36-hour stopover.



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## U.N. assembly on aging set in Vienna

headed monster almost tilting toward capitalism," *The Salisbury Herald*, the country's main daily, commented in an editorial Wednesday. "They will have to explain that a party whose political philosophy is based on Soviet Union socialism had built an empire of wealth stretching from Plumtree to Umtali (towns respectively in the west and east)."

The newspaper, which Monday urged the government to try Nkomo for treason, called on the ZAPU leader to quit his post "while investigations are being carried out."

## China threatens execution of corrupt officials

PEKING, Feb. 17 (AFP) — The Chinese regime has hinted that it will not hesitate to order the execution of some of the officials unmasked in the current anti-corruption drive.

In its latest issue, the Communist Party *Red Flag*, recalled that leading cadres did not prevent two top officials of Tianjin city from being executed during the two people's campaigns in 1951 and 1952 shortly after the Communists seized power.

Thousands of officials were condemned during the two campaigns on charges of corruption or embezzlement of state funds. The objectives of the present anti-corruption campaign in China are fairly similar to those of the earlier campaigns against corruption, waste and bureaucracy.

Observers note that the regime has also revived a warning launched by the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung in 1949 against "sugar-coated bullets" — an allusion to attempts by the capitalist world to corrupt the Chinese.

## UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 17 (AP) — Not enough publicity has been given to the 1982 World Assembly on Aging, the advisory committee on the assembly was told here Tuesday. John McDonald, delegate from the United States, said his government had found that a number of countries did not even know there was going to be such a conference. The conference will take place in Vienna next July 26-Aug. 6.

McDonald urged that formal invitations to it be sent at once to all 157 U.N. member countries. He also prodded the secretary for the assembly to send out more information on it. Another American, William Kerrigan, is secretary-general of the conference.

Kerrigan said he had visited Africa, the Pacific, Latin America, Scandinavia and planned to visit Asia, while his colleagues traveled to the Caribbean, Eastern Europe and the Middle East, to mobilize interest in the conference.

Ilfrid Almoslechner of Austria said his country would do all it could to make the assembly a success and hoped that a large number of other countries would take part.

The advisory committee, opening its second session, reelected the officers that had served at the first one last year — chairman, Anthony de Bono of Malta, vice chairman, Mikkail Lantzev of the Soviet Union, Ryoko Akamatsu of Japan and Olajumoke O. Obafemi of Nigeria, and rapporteur, Lucien J. Henaz of Surinam.

It decided that the assembly should have a bureau of 27 members, including a president.

## Coast Guardsman dies

## Ship blaze in U.S. contained

KALAMA, Washington Feb. 17 (AP) — A fire that has raged for more than two days aboard a beached grain freighter was still smoldering Wednesday, but officials said burning tanks carrying 354,000 gallons of fuel were safe. One Coast Guard firefighter was killed and another was critically wounded in the fire, which began Sunday night.

Foam was applied Tuesday night to the 182-meter *Protector Alpha* to keep the blaze from spreading to the fuel tanks, said Lt. John Schott of the Coast Guard operations center in Seattle. The vessel is carrying about 2,000 tons of wheat. "We flooded the compartments over the fuel tanks, then sprayed foam over the water," Schott said. "That appears to be containing the fire."

In a decision that sparked some controversy, the vessel was cut loose from its moorage at the north Pacific grain growers terminal Sunday after the fire broke out. Grain employees feared the ship could endanger a nearby grain elevator. Coast Guard Capt. Kirk Greiner criticized the decision to cut the ship loose, noting the move temporarily stranded at least 25 firefighters on the vessel. They were rescued about half an hour later by tugs and fireboats.

But several other firefighting officials said the decision was a wise one, saying flames from the ship could have ignited grain dust. If the fire had spread to the elevator's grain-loading mechanism, "that elevator would have turned into one great big bomb," said a spokesman of the Kalama fire department.

The cause of the blaze, which began while workers were loading fuel onto the vessel, was being investigated. Alan E. Carbaugh, 22, of Tumalo, Oregon, a Coast Guardsman who suffered massive head injuries in an explosion aboard the vessel, died Tuesday, said a hospital spokesman in nearby Port-

land.

A second man, Coast Guard chief warrant officer Joseph Hoffman, 41, of Vancouver, was reported in critical but stable condition. Three freighter crewmen were treated for smoke inhalation shortly after the fire broke out and a Seattle fire captain suffered multiple cuts.

The ship was reported owned by the Proetus Alpha Navigation Co. of Limassol, Cyprus. Thirty Filipino crewmen got off board when the fire began left the freighter. The Merchant's Exchange of Portland said the vessel had come to Kalama from the Far East, with a stop in Astoria, Oregon, and was scheduled to take the wheat to Indonesia.

## Mozambican rebels claim seizure of depot

LISBON, Feb. 17 (AP) — Rebel guerrillas fighting Mozambique's Marxist government Wednesday claimed they had a key railway depot linking Zimbabwe to the port of Maputo in a direct challenge to last week's military agreement signed by the former Portuguese colony and Tanzania.

Evo Fernandes, Lisbon spokesman for the Mozambican National Resistance (RNM), said that rebel forces over-powered a combined Mozambican and Tanzanian force guarding a depot at Mabalane last Sunday and within a day later, the town is located some 25-30 kms north of Maputo, the capital, in Gaza province on the Limpopo River.

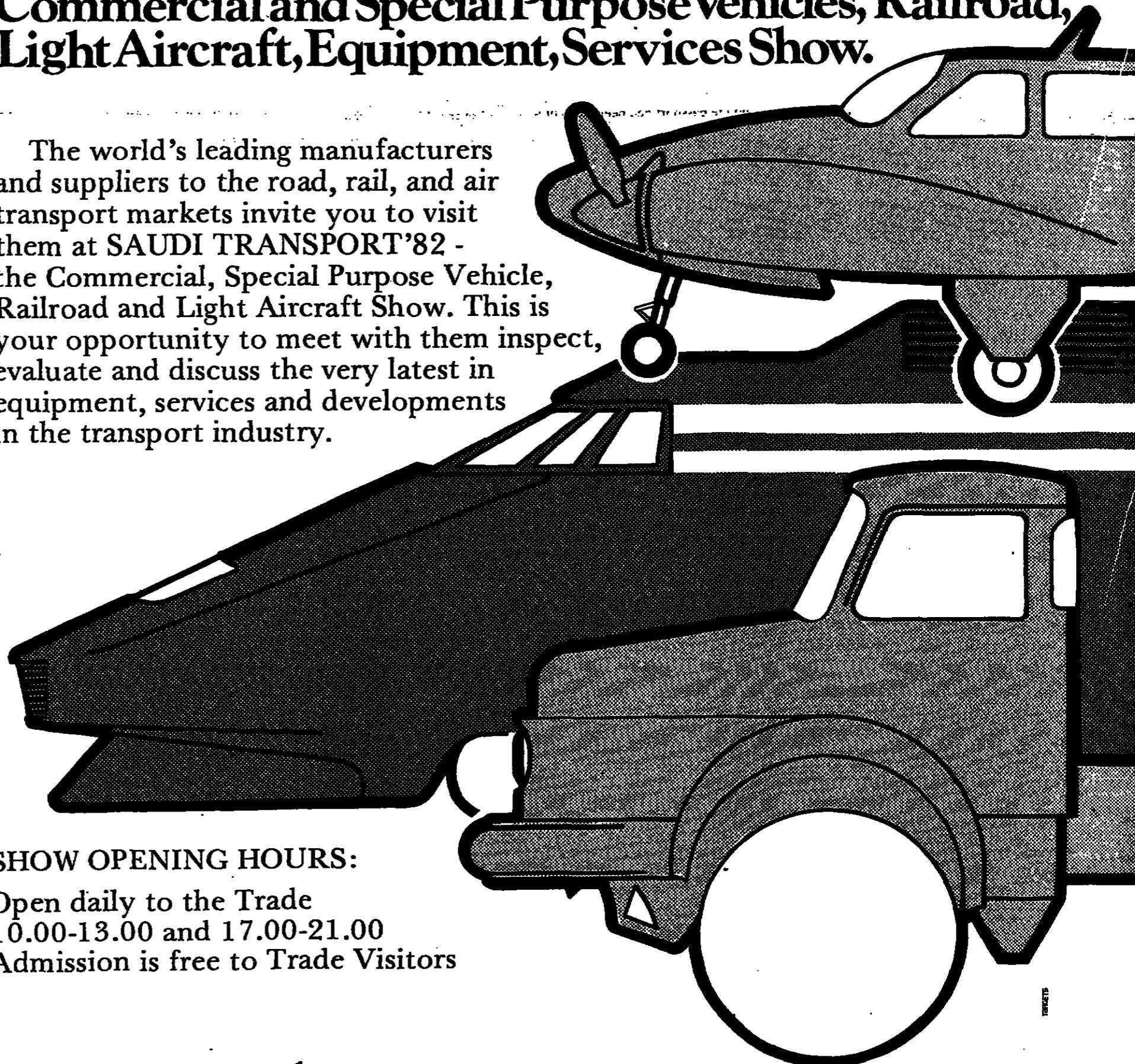
"We want to keep this important railway out of work," Fernandes stated after pointing to the importance of Mozambican lines to landlocked Zimbabwe. The rebels have effectively shut down the run since an attack on the town of Commombane, 70 kms northwest of Mabalane on Dec. 17, he said.

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## New offer to civil servants

## U.K. seeks to freeze pay of staff below 21

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AP) — The British government Tuesday asked civil servants under 21 years of age and adults in their first year of service to accept a year's pay freeze under a pay package that raised the spectre of a repeat of last year's 21-week strike.

The pay freeze would apply to 65,000 of this country's 520,000 civil servants who went out on strike last March in selective walkouts and job slowdowns that crippled tax collection, disrupted travel and ambulance services. Government finances, courts and defense establishments were also thrown into turmoil.

The new pay offer brings Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government again into conflict with the civil servants who have demanded a 13 percent raise across the board with a minimum increase of 12.50 pounds (\$22.50) a week. The general secretary of the Council of Civil Service Unions, called the government's price freeze proposal "illegitimate, inept, stupid and offensive" and demanded arbitration of the 13 percent pay claim. Arbitration of pay claims was agreed in last year's settlement.

Civil service pay ranges from 4,838 pounds (\$8,708) a year for the lowest paid janitors and other manual workers to 35,475 pounds (\$63,855) for top-level officials.

The government's offer, the treasury said, is "designed to recognize and reward experience." The entire package will cost the taxpayer an estimated 170 million pounds (\$306 million) a year. The treasury said it was suggesting no pay increase for the young and

newly hired because "the civil service has no difficulty in recruiting staff it needs, in most cases, at present rates of pay."

The treasury said there would be improved allowances for skills and responsibility, ranging from 5 percent for proficiency in typing and data processing to about 11 percent for executives in data processing.

In another development, striking British rail engineers Tuesday accepted a mediator's formula for ending their disruptive five-week-old strike, but the state-run railroad refused to approve the package immediately.

The drivers, demanding payment of a seven percent wage increase negotiated last summer, brought the nation's 11,000-mile (17,700 km) rail network to a halt Tuesday for a 16th day. Another one-day strike is scheduled Thursday. The railroad has been paralyzed three days a week since the 24-hour strikes began Jan. 13.

A committee of inquiry headed by long-time labor troubleshooter Lord McCarthy Tuesday blamed both management and the union for the strike and set a one-week target for them to thrash out a solution.

The striking Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers, representing 25,000 workers, accepted the proposed settlement "as printed."

But BR chairman Sir Peter Parker said the railroad was withholding the disputed 3 percent wage hike until it received assurances from the union that it was committed to implementing more flexible work schedules negotiated along with the raise.

## Foreign cars hold 30% of French market

PARIS, Feb. 17 (AP) — Nearly 30 percent of cars sold in France in 1981 were made overseas, but Japanese manufacturers captured only 2.54 percent of the market although they have been allocated up to three percent.

In 1980, foreign cars accounted for slightly more than 20 percent of sales. The precise figures for foreign sales are 28.15 percent, or 516,503 cars out of 1,834,826 in 1981, against 23.1 percent in 1980 after a level of 22 percent for several years.

The leading foreign manufacturer continued to be the West German Volkswagen firm which sold 122,212 vehicles, half of them the Golf Runabout car. This was an increase of 29,000 on 1980. Second came Ford which sold 101,336 cars, 44 percent of them Escorts. This was an increase of 33,000 on 1980.

The Italian Fiat group sold 82,574 cars, 30 percent of them Ritmos, representing an increase of 14,000 on 1980. General Motors came fourth, helped by sales of its Opel, Kadett and Ascona models to market a total of 34,670 vehicles, which is 900 more than in 1980.

The Italian Alfa Romeo firm saw its sales slip to 24,923, while the German BMW firm improved its performance by 7,300 to 24,521. The British Leyland group slipped back with sales of 23,996, while the Soviet Lada achieved sales of 19,324 against 13,069, and Mercedes-Benz reached 16,158 against 14,430.

Japanese manufacturers sold 46,761 cars against 54,987 in 1980, representing 2.54 percent of the market against 2.93.

## Greece may seek \$1.6b in loans

ATHENS, Feb. 17 (R) — Greece might have to borrow \$1.6 billion this year, slightly more than in 1981, in spite of substantial payments by the European Economic Community (EEC) and domestic production of oil for the first time, a Bank of Greece source has said.

The source said Monday net transfers from the EEC this year were estimated at \$500 million, while a mild winter and the country's first locally-produced crude would help save another \$500 million. But public sector foreign borrowing was put at \$1.5 to \$1.6 billion last October's summit at Cancun, Mexico.

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They said representatives of over 30 developing countries, meeting to examine the broader North-South issues, could well join Western European governments in calling on the United States to act against rising interest rates and currency instability.

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## Rifts threaten EEC, Thorn says

STRASBOURG, Feb. 17 (R) — The European Economic Community (EEC) must reduce political strains which threaten its future and give priority to industrial investment to fight unemployment, EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn has said.

In a keynote speech Tuesday to the European Parliament, Thorn said internal trade and financial disputes were splitting the 10-nation community and damaging its capacity for united action in the face of international crises.

He said protracted arguments over reform of the EEC's budget might just be a front for member governments' waning interest in a union of Europe.

Yet the nations of Europe faced irreversible decline if the EEC did not become more assertive on the world scene, where it faced growing trade frictions with Japan and the United States as well as difficulties with the Soviet bloc over Poland. Thorn said present economic policies would not prevent a further steady rise in unemployment which now affects more than 10 million people in the EEC.

Thorn said the relentless increase in unemployment was giving rise to protectionism among member states in industries as diverse as steel and poultry. These trends threatened the EEC's status as a single market, an asset without which the community could not survive.

### Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 p.m. Wednesday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.08	
Bangladesh Taka	—	15.40	
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	283.00	
Canadian Dollar	143.50	143.00	
Denmark Krone (100)	131.25	130.85	
Dutch Guilder (100)	3.50	3.92	
Egyptian Pound	93.00	93.15	
Emirates Dirham (100)	57.25	56.40	
French Franc (100)	52.00	55.75	
Indian Rupee (100)	—	36.98	
Iranian Rial (100)	6.50	—	
Italian Lira (10,000)	27.30	27.00	
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	14.30	
Jordanian Dinar	9.99	9.86	
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.00	11.99	
Lebanese Lira (100)	70.00	69.90	
Moroccan Dirham (100)	58.50	60.90	
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	32.00	
Philippines Peso (100)	—	41.75	
Pound Sterling	6.31	6.26	
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00	94.10	
Singapore Dollar (1,000)	—	161.10	
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	33.95	
Swiss Franc (100)	180.00	179.15	
Syrian Lira (700)	58.00	63.50	
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422	
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90	
Selling Price			
Gold kg.	41,300	41,100	
10 Tolas bar	4,880	4,840	
Ounces	1,320	1,290	

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6420532, Jeddah.

### SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Authority	Description	Tenders No.	Tender Price (SR)	Closing Date
Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, Saudi Telephone	Supply of stationery	12053	50	22.2.82
Education Ministry	Supply and installation of dynamos in some schools in various areas for 1401/1402H	79/M	250	23.2.82
Abqiq Municipality	Fencing of the new and old Ain Dar graveyards	—	500	27.2.82

### PORTS AUTHORITY

JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT  
SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON  
23RD RABI THANI 1402/17TH FEBRUARY 1982

#### 1. SHIPS DISCHARGING:

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3.	Tunisian Reefer	O.C.E.	Eggs/Meat/Barley	13.2.82
4.	Pandora	A.A.	Barley	16.2.82
5.	Nemee	S.C.S.A.	Barley	14.2.82
6.	Orava	Attar	Timber/Sugar	11.2.82
7.	Horizon	Bamaodah	Barley/General	15.2.82
8.	Claudia Koegel	Shobokshi	Gen/Const. Equip/ & Materials	10.2.82
10.	World Trader	Bamaodah	Barley	7.2.82
11.	Olympiakos	Gulf	Barley	10.2.82
12.	Saudi Enterprise	M.E.S.A.	Gen/Sugar/Timbi/Steel	12.2.82
18.	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	12.2.82
20.	Saudi Venture	MESA	Gen/Cern/Paper/Timb.	13.2.82
21.	Apollon	A.A.	Barley	9.2.82
22.	Orient Trophy	Star	Oranges	15.2.82
24.	Mar Cadiz	O.C.E.	Titles/Timbi/Iron	14.2.82
25.	Krivan	Attar	Beams	16.2.82
27.	Ocean Happiness	A.E.T.	Contra/Gen/Bul-Dozers	15.2.82
28.	Mykonos	M.T.A.	Meat/Fish/Poultry	11.2.82
29.	Ashraf Al Aowal	O.C.E.	Eggs/Chicken	15.2.82
36.	Rhine Maru	A.E.T.	Containers	17.2.82
39.	Tropical Sun	O.C.E.	Bananas	11.2.82
40.	Maldivian Sea	Orri	Gen/Tents/Cars/	—
41.	Saleh II	O.C.E.	Foodstuffs	16.2.82
42.	El Jumbo	Al Sabah	General	15.2.82
43.	Goulias	Star	Barley	12.2.82

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SHIPS MOVEMENT UPTO 0700 HOURS OF  
23.4.1402/17.2.1982 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

2.	Asia No. 12	SMC	Gen/Conts	16.2.82
4.	Khairpur	SEA	General	12.2.82
5.	Georgios Koropoulos	OCE	General	3.2.82
6.	Arenia-K	UEP	Gen/Conts/Rice	16.2.82
7.	Pika Bank	Kanoo	General	16.2.82
8.	Mangal Asha	OCE	Loading Urea	13.2.82
9.	Bangler Joy	Ori	Bulk Bauxite	10.2.82
11.	Golden Venture	Alesada	General	16.2.82
13.	Island Star	OCE	General/Conts	16.2.82
15.	Union Hodeidah	SEA	Rice/Maize in Bags	14.2.82
16.	Kader Baksh	UEP	General	16.2.82
17.	Icaros	Kanoo	Cars	16.2.82
19.	Al Aridiah	AET	Containers	16.2.82
22.	Garnet Ace	Kanoo	General	12.2.82
26.	Tohgo Maru	SEA	Bananas	16.2.82
28.	Taxila	Star	Bulk Iron Ore	16.2.82
29.	Chios Pride	Kanoo	—	—
30.	Baron Macfay	—	—	—

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### Egypt clips \$1 from oil price

CAIRO, Feb. 17, (R) — Egypt has reduced its oil price by one dollar a barrel because of the world glut, an oil official said Wednesday.

The cut, the latest indication of the pressure on prices caused by persistent oversupply which has alarmed oil producers, lowers the price of a barrel of Egyptian light crude to \$33 and came into effect Feb. 1.

Martens, who was accompanied by Belgian Foreign Minister Leo Tindemans, was due to meet Reagan at the White House Wednesday and then have a working lunch with Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

As well as speaking for the 10-member EEC, Martens was expected to discuss European concern over demands by the United States to support its sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union.

Also likely to be raised was a continuing controversy over U.S. allegations that Belgium and other EEC countries had unfairly subsidized exports of steel and such agricultural products as flour, pasta, poultry and sugar.

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To snap three-game losing streak

## Lakers halt Supersonics' late comeback

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP) — Although the Los Angeles Lakers and Seattle Supersonics have the best records in the National Basketball Association's Western Conference, neither has had much success lately.

Something had to give when they played Tuesday night, and it was Seattle. Although the Sonics outscored the Lakers 19-3 in a four-minute span late in the game, it wasn't nearly enough as Los Angeles took over first place in the Pacific Division with a 108-101 victory.

The Lakers, who snapped a three-game losing streak, improved their record to have a half-game edge over the Sonics, who have lost four straight.

"I'm very pleased with our effort in the second-half, but there's no question that physical and mental fatigue hurt us," said Seattle coach Lenny Wilkens. "We've done a lot of traveling before and after the All-Star break. The Lakers looked very good, but they still have to come up to Seattle. They were the better team Tuesday night."

In other NBA games, Dallas edged New York 112-110; Detroit trimmed Houston 111-109; Phoenix tripped Chicago 91-86; Denver bombed Kansas City 119-106; Washington nipped Portland 100-97 and Atlanta beat San Diego 102-91.

Starters Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Norm Nixon led the Lakers with 26 and 22 points, respectively but coach Pat Riley was most pleased with the play of his bench. "Jim Bewer came in and did a great job of neutraliz-



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

ing Loni Shelton," said Riley of his substitute forward, who had a game-high 12 rebounds in just 22 minutes of play. "And Bob McAdoo is really coming around lately. The hunger is back in his heart."

McAdoo had 15 points in 21 minutes in his 21st game since being acquired from New Jersey. Seattle rallied from a 62-48 half-time deficit in the third quarter and trailed 84-78 at the end of the period. But the Lakers made their nine field-goal attempts in the fourth quarter to take a 102-82 lead with 2:42 left.

Then the Sonics put on their 19-3 rally and

trailed 105-101, with 1:42 remaining. They didn't score again, however, and the Lakers added one free throw by Earvin "Magic" Johnson and a field goal by Nixon for their final margin. Seattle's Gus Williams was the game's leading scorer with 30 points, 21 in the second-half, while Shelton and Jack Sikma had 18 each.

**Mavericks 112, Knicks 110:** Rookie Jay Vincent scored 40 points, but it was a corner jumper by Wayne Cooper with one second remaining that gave Dallas its third straight victory.

Another rookie, Ronaldo Blazan, had 15 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter to help the Mavericks beat New York, which got 29 points from Michael Ray Richardson. The Mavs had a 110-107 lead before Campy Russell's three-point goal tied the score with 14 seconds left, setting up Cooper's game-winner.

**Suns 91, Bulls 86:** Phoenix snapped a seven-game losing streak on the road by beating Chicago, which has lost nine of its last matches. Dennis Johnson led the Suns with 18 points and Kyle Macy scored 10 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter. FRicky Sobers paced the Bulls with 18 points.

**Nuggets 119, Kings 106:** Denver kept Kansas City on the losing road on the road as the Kings lost their 22nd straight away from home. Alex English, who has averaged 30 points in five games against the Kings, scored 24 to pace the Nuggets. English had 14 of his points in the second quarter, when Denver

outscored the Kings 23-10 in the final minutes to take a 62-50 half-time lead.

**Pistons 171, Rockets 109:** Rookie Kelly Tripucka celebrated his 23rd birthday by scoring 30 points as Detroit snapped Houston's eight-game winning streak. Tripucka, who has been averaging just under 30 points in the last seven games, joined guard John Long in a second-half flurry that helped Detroit take a 104-94 lead.

The Rockets, who got 34 points from Moses Malone, outscored the Pistons 14-6 to cut the lead to 110-108 with 22 seconds remaining. But a free throw by Kent Benson gave Detroit a three-point lead with six seconds to play.

**Hawks 112, Clippers 111:** Eddie Johnson scored 29 points, 10 of them in the first quarter when Atlanta took the lead for good over San Diego, which has lost six in-a-row. The Hawks led by as many as 19 points in the first-half and had 57-41 half-time edge. San Diego cut the deficit to five points with 2:16 left, but Johnson scored the last six Atlanta points to salt the victory. Rookie Al Wood, who was traded to the Clippers from Atlanta last month scored a career-high 25 points.

**Bullets 100, Blazers 97:** Guard Frank Johnson's three-point play with 42 seconds left lifted Washington past Portland. Johnson's basket and free throw gave the Bullets a 98-96 lead. After Portland's Billy Ray Bates made one of two free throws, the Bullets iced the game with free throws by Spencer Haywood and Don Collins. Greg Ballard led Washington with 22 points.

## Holmes lashes out at 'injured' Cooney

LAS VEGAS, Nevada Feb. 17 (AP) — World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes lashed out at injured Gerry Cooney Tuesday, saying the challenger and his managers wanted to push the March 15 title bout back to the May-June date they had wanted all along.

"They are doing a good job of conniving and scheming," Holmes said. "They're just afraid he'll lose his big payday." Holmes said he felt certain the fight, which was to guarantee each boxer \$10 million, will be called off. But he questioned Cooney's shoulder injury and said football players come back every week after being injured.

He told of meeting a man in a wheelchair earlier Tuesday and the man told him, "I'll fight you for a million bucks." Cooney's ailing shoulder was examined in New York this week by Dr. Jeffrey Minkoff, his personal physician and a orthopedic surgeon. Holmes said he felt sorry and disappointed for the people who had invested both time and money in the bout.

"If Cooney is sick, my heart reaches out for him," Holmes added. Then he charged that Cooney was "afraid of his own shadow," and had never wanted to fight him. Holmes said Cooney had simply "postponed the agony," adding, "Gerry Cooney has now become looney Cooney," and that he had "created an injury within his mind."

Holmes said that if the fight is postponed, he will leave Wednesday morning for his home in Easton, Pennsylvania, and that handlers were making arrangements for that. The champion said he had to fight every three or four months to stay sharp and that March will be the fourth month since his last fight. He said promoters were now "looking for someone for me to fight" next month.

He mentioned as possibilities, Jimmy Young, Randy "Tex" Cobb and Larry Frazier but said any decision as to time, place and opponent would depend on the promoters.

"He went home to momma," Holmes said of Cooney. "When momma wants him to come out, he will. He knows what I can do to him." He called Cooney a phony and said, "He thinks he's more than he is."

Holmes said he would "be broke," if he quit all the fights when something went wrong. He said in his battle with Ken Norton he had ligament injuries in his left arm but won the fight anyway.

Attempts were made to contact Cooney's co-managers, Dennis Rappaport and Mike Jones, but neither was available to comment on Holmes' charges. Home Box Office, which reportedly had acquired delayed rights to the telecast of the fight, said Monday night that it had learned the bout had been postponed. But there was no immediate confirmation.

**Sugar Ray to take on Stafford**

RENO, Nevada, Feb. 17 (R) — Sugar Ray Leonard, fresh from one of the easiest victories of his career, said Tuesday that he would next defend his world welterweight title against Roger Stafford sometime in May or June.

Leonard disposed of challenger Bruce Finch, ranked No. 6 contender by the World Boxing Council (WBC), Monday night in one minute 50 seconds of the third round after outclassing him and knocking him down three times.

Stafford, 26, has a professional record of 18 wins, two defeats and a draw. He is ranked No. 3 contender by the World Boxing Association (WBA) and No. 4 by the WBC.

The tide shot is contingent on Stafford beating David Madrid of Mexico in a 10-round bout in Atlantic City March 2.

But Leonard did little to dispel a notion that he regarded a fight against Stafford as another tuneup before he moved on to bigger

tion from either the Cooney or Holmes camp that any decision had been reached at that time.

Promoter Don King, concerned over fate of the fight, richest bout in boxing history, had demanded on Monday that Cooney submit to an exam by a team of impartial doctors to determine his physical condition. In calling for the physical King referred to Cooney's "past history."

King will get exactly what the contract calls for," Rappaport said. "If the contract gives him the right to have his doctors examine Gerry, then that's what we will do, if it's not in the contract, then he won't. It's that simple." Both sides were studying the contract Tuesday to determine whether it gives King the right to order physicals by other doctors.

and more lucrative fights. "I'm going to knock him out. Maybe he'll go in four (rounds)," Leonard said.

His most likely next opponent would seem to be either Marvin Hagler, the undisputed world middleweight champion, or Alexis Arguello, the WBC lightweight champion. Leonard's manager, Angelo Dundee, and his lawyer-adviser, Mike Trainer, both seemed reluctant for Leonard to move up in weight to challenge Hagler. They would prefer Arguello, who defended his title last Saturday by stopping James Busceme in the sixth round, to step up to the welterweight division.

"We're negotiating with Arguello," Leonard said. "Maybe something will materialize in the fall." Stafford was at ringside last night and was duly impressed by the champion. "I've got to hand it to Sugar Ray," Stafford said. "He's got it all. He's a complete boxer-puncher."



Larry Holmes... ready for a fight

## Britain retains same squad for Davis Cup

LONDON, Feb. 17 (AFP) — Australia's curly-haired tennis favorite, Paul McNamee, has been invited to help prepare Britain's Davis Cup team for the first round match against Italy in Rome next month.

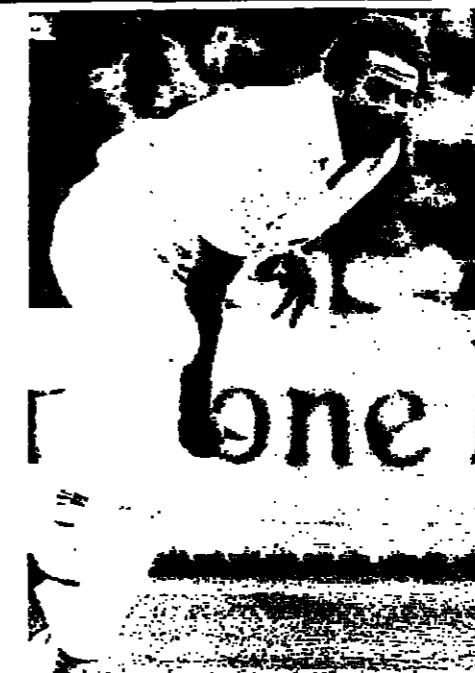
McNamee, who along with Peter McNamara forms the world class doubles team has been spending a few days holiday. But he has found time — together with the British team's trainer, Mark Cox — to put the side through its paces at Wimbledon each day as it prepares to take on the Italians from March 5 to 7.

Team manager Paul Hutchings Wednesday announced his side and, as expected, it is the one which took Britain to the semifinals of last year's competition — Buster Mottram, Richard Lewis, Jonathan Smith and Andrew Jarrett.

It was an outstanding run which, coincidentally, began with a shock 3-2 win against the Italians in the first round at Brighton, but next month's tie, played on the slow outdoor courts in Rome, must make Italy favorites to gain revenge, through Hutchins, as ever, is optimistic.

Hutchins said: "Getting accustomed to European clay again after playing indoors is a problem which needs careful preparation. Italy, with home advantage, are one of the strongest European nations, but I think we have a good chance of winning, especially as Buster is at his best on clay and beat Adriano Panatta when we played Italy in Rome in 1979. He has also just reached the semifinals of the Grand Prix Tournament in Memphis and is obviously in good form."

Hutchins admitted he had considered John Lloyd for a possible recall to the team, but added: "Two facts swayed me. The match is on clay, and more importantly Richard Lewis has clearly established himself as No. 2 not only in the national, rankings but also on recent results."



Ian Botham... strikes early

## Score-board

Sri Lanka (1st Innings)	
B. Warapura c Gower b Willis	2
S. Wettasingh c Gower b Botham	6
R. Dias c Cook b Willis	0
D. Mendis lbw Botham	17
R. Madugalle batting	64
D.S. de Silva c Gower b Underwood	13
A. de Mel c Fletcher b Underwood	19
L. Kaluperuma c Gower b Underwood	1
Extras:	7
Total (for 8 wkt)	183
Fall (wickets): 1-9, 2-22, 3-29, 4-34, 5-133, 6-149, 7-161, 8-183	
Bats: Willis 17-6-36-2; Botham 12-2-34-2; Allot 15-4-44-0; Underwood 14-1-5-18-4; Emburey 16-3-44-0.	

## City draws

## Tottenham

recording a home victory against hapless Coventry City. Coventry lost 1-5 at home to Notts County in midweek.

Of the other championship contenders, Swansea is away to Sunderland, while Manchester city and Tottenham meet at White Hart Lane in a repeat of last season's FA Cup final.

Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw has a pleasant problem. His team is playing so well that he cannot find a place for Scottish international striker Steve Archibald, the club's top scorer last season.

Birmingham's first match assignment for new manager Ron Saunders will be against the club Saunden quit last week — Aston Villa, while managerless Wolverhampton Wanderers travel to face in-form Notts County.

## Uruguay downs Yugoslavia

CALCUTTA, India, Feb. 17 (AP) — A first-half goal by midfielder Enzo Francescoli enabled Uruguay to edge Yugoslavia 1-0 Wednesday in a hard-fought match at the inaugural Jawaharlal Nehru Gold Cup International Soccer Tournament here.

Rough tackling of rival forwards marred play in the first-half. The two teams played exciting soccer before 70,000 spectators who packed Calcutta's Eden Gardens. A shower just before the start of the match made the ground slippery.

Uruguay, with five World Cup players in its team, came near scoring in the second minute but striker Velenio Ramos shot feeble following a beautiful midfield solo run by Washington Gonzalez. Yugoslavia, which had ace defender Martach, retaliated with a penetrating raid. However, Chelar's hit was neatly blocked by Uruguayan skipper and goalkeeper Rodolfo Rodriguez.

Uruguay surged into the lead toward the

## BRIEFS

ine the World Fireball Sailing Championship in early March. Yachts have already arrived from Canada, the United States, Ireland, Kenya, Zimbabwe, West Germany, Switzerland, and India, and Papua-New Guinea.

MANCHESTER, (AP) — English rugby league player, Howard Thomas, aims to become Britain's heavyweight boxing champion. Thomas, 23, is already in training for his first professional fight, early next month, after being spotted on the rugby field as a likely future champion by Manchester boxing promoter, Brian Robinson.

PERTH (AP) — A sparkling 102 by captain Saimi Mulik took Pakistan to a strong position at the close on the opening day of third Under-19 Cricket Test against Australia at the WACA ground here Wednesday. Pakistan were 260 for six when stumps were drawn.

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*As Brazil boots in all five*

## Ipswich crushes Southampton

LONDON, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Alan Brazil of Ipswich, celebrating his call-up to the Scottish national soccer team, cracked all the goals in his club's 5-2 hammering of Southampton in the First Division of the English Soccer League Tuesday night.

Ipswich, hit by injuries and on the wake of defeats in the last five games, including a 2-1 thumping by Second Division side Shrewsbury in the Football Association (FA) Cup fifth round Saturday, bounced back with one of the most convincing performances of the season as it stunned league leaders Southampton. Though the defeat did not affect Southampton's position at the top, Ipswich climbed to the sixth position — six points behind and five games in hand — one spot ahead after plummeting down from the top position.

Brazil struck his goals in a six minute burst

early in the first-half before Dave Puckett pulled one back in the 44th minute. As Ipswich went in for the interval with a 3-1 lead, Brazil hammered two more after the break to set an Ipswich scoring record and end Southampton's seven-match unbeaten streak. England captain Kevin Keegan replied for the visitors, Southampton, in the 77th minute.

European champions Liverpool, beaten by Chelsea in the FA Cup Saturday, were unable to match the Ipswich revival. Liverpool went down 2-0 at Swansea, as the Welsh side moved closer to the top of the Division One table. Leighton James celebrated his 29th birthday with a 75th minute goal and Alan Curtis hit another just before time.

Arsenal slotted into third place behind Southampton and Manchester United, who were without a game Tuesday, notched up a 1-0 victory over struggling Middlesbrough.

The home win was witnessed by the lowest attendance — Arsenal's lowest gate for 15 years as less than 14,000 spectators watched the proceedings — saw Graham Rix score the all-important goal.

Other First Division clubs also faced poor gates. Lowly Wolverhampton Wolves attracted just 11,000 customers for their goalless draw with Nottingham Forest, while the 10,776 gate was Birmingham's second lowest this season as it scored a 2-0 victory over Sunderland. The win improved Birmingham's chances of escaping the relegation axe. Dutch winger Tony Van Mierlo headed the first goal in the first-half and Frank Worthington booted the second just as the final whistle blew.

### Soccer results

English F.A. Cup (5th round)

Orient	0	Crystal Palace	1
		Division One	
Arsenal	1	Middlesbrough	0
Birmingham	2	Sunderland	0
Coventry	1	Notts County	5
Ipswich	5	Southampton	2
Swansea	2	Liverpool	0
Wolverhampton	0	Nottingham Forest	0
		Division Two	
Blackburn	2	O.P. Rangers	1
Oldham	2	Norwich	0
Rotherham	3	Shrewsbury	0
Wednesday	0	Bolton	1
		Division Three	
Watford	1	Huddersfield	1

## Edmondson, Gottfried fall at the first hurdle

LA QUINTA, California Feb. 17 (AP) — Top-seeded Ivan Lendl extended his winning streak to 41 consecutive matches with a 6-1, 6-3 victory Tuesday over Scott Davis in the first round of the \$200,000 Congoleum Classic Men's Tennis Tournament.

Lendl, a 21-year-old from Czechoslovakia who has won nine tournaments in a row, breezed through his opening match, overwhelming the unseeded Davis.

Second-seeded Eliot Teltscher also had an easy time in his first match, taking a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Bruce Nichols in the competition at the La Quinta Hotel Tennis Club.

Two of the tournament's top seeds, however, fell in their first-round matches. Victor Amaya upset No. 5 Brian Gottfried 6-4, 1-6, 6-2, and Australian Phil Dent downed sixth-seeded Mark Edmondson 6-2, 6-2.

In other play Tuesday, third-seeded Rosemarie Turner beat Jimmy Brown 7-5, 6-3. No. 8 Eddie Dibbs topped Steve Kruevitz 6-1, 7-5. No. 9 Hank Pfister rallied for a 7-5, 6-7, 6-3 triumph over Nick Saviano and tenth-seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia defeated Peter Fleming 7-6, 7-5.

The tournament, which carries a \$32,000 winner's prize, winds up with the final Sunday.

King beaten

Meanwhile, Britain's Sue Barker had a convincing straight sets win over American veteran Billie Jean King Tuesday in the first round of the Houston Women's Tennis Tournament.

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her first round action Tuesday. In the last singles of the day, American Mary Lou Patek got past Brazilian Pat Medrado 6-3, 6-2.

In first-round doubles play, Pam Shriver and Kathy Jordan beat Iva Budrová and Catherine Tanvier 6-2, 6-3.

Harrington advances

Second-seeded Julie Harrington of the U.S. breezed past Italy's Barbara Rossi 6-3, 6-1 Tuesday as the Avons Futures of Nashville Tennis Tournament opened.

Harrington did not lose her serve during the one hour match at the Maryland Farms Racquet and Country club as she advanced to Thursday's second round in the \$40,000 tournament.

In other matches, No. 6 seed Tim Jones of the U.S. downed Lea Pichová of Czechoslovakia, 6-3, 6-2. Czech Marcela Skuhrová defeated Switzerland's Hanna Strachová 6-2, 6-4, and Kim Stewarts of the U.S. downed Barbá Bramlett of the U.S. 6-0, 6-2.

DAVIDSON/PATRICK MARTINA leads

Czech-born naturalized American Martina Navratilova is still leading the Women Professional Tennis Players' cash earnings standings for the 1982 season, it was reported in New York. Australia's Wendy Turnbull is the highest placed non-American, her \$40,700 of income making her the fifth most profitable player so far this year.

South Korea wins

South Korea took a 2-0 winning lead over Malaysia in a quarterfinal match of the 10th \$25,108 Asian Nations Cup Tennis Championships at the National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur Wednesday. Jeon Young Dae took the first match, beating S. Selvarajoo 6-2, 6-1. In the second match, Kim Choon Ho defeated Rudy Foo 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

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### Soccer briefs

LISBON, (AFP) — Brazil will spend an estimated 500 million cruzeiros (\$4 million) on preparing its football team for this summer's World Cup in Spain, Medrano Dias, head of the Brazilian Football Confederation, said here Wednesday. He and team manager Tele Santana are visiting Portugal to find lodgings for the team in Portugal, where the players will stay from May 30 to June 7 for a training program.

GOTHENBURG, Sweden, (AFP) — IFK Gothenburg may report Kuwait's national football team to the International Football Federation for breach of an agreement to host friendly matches with the Swedish First Division club on February 22 and 24. The Kuwaiti football authorities have called off the fixtures because they have arranged a match with a Brazilian selection, which they believe will give their players better practice for the World Cup in June. However, the Swedish club say their men also need match practice, to build up their form before their UEFA Cup quarterfinal meeting with Spanish team FC Valencia on March 3.

LONDON, Chris Garland and Geoff Mer-



POISED TO STRIKE: Queen's Park Rangers' Clive Allen is poised to take a strike at the Grimsby goal in the FA Cup tie, which the Rangers won, last Saturday. The Rangers, however, lost 2-1 to Blackburn Tuesday.

## China creates problem over flag and anthem

PEKING, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — A new problem arose Wednesday over China's participation in the Women's World Softball Championship in Taipei in July when a Chinese sports official said here that the Taiwanese flag and national anthem would not be acceptable to Peking.

An official from the Chinese Sports and Physical Culture Commission said that China intended to compete, but added that the Taiwanese flag and anthem would be unacceptable. She said that when China joined the International Softball Federation (ISF) last May, it was decided that the Taiwan Softball Association would be renamed the China-Taipei Softball Association and that it would also change its flag and anthem. The official said she did not know which flag or anthem would be used at the tournament.

Don Porter, American secretary-general of the ISF, announced in Taipei Tuesday that the Chinese-Taipei Association would invite a Chinese team to compete in the championship, from July 2 to 11. Earlier there had been speculation that Taiwan might forfeit the event rather than invite a Chinese team to Taiwan for the first time since 1949. Porter added that under ISF rules only the host country could fly its national flag and play its national anthem at opening and closing ceremonies.

Meanwhile, government officials remained silent Wednesday on Taiwan's decision to officially invite mainland Chinese athletes to compete against Taiwan. Foreign ministry spokesman Liu Ta-jaen said Wednesday that visa requisition for participating teams must be made in accordance with the government's rules and regulations.

In reply to a question as to whether a mainland Chinese women's squad would be permitted to enter Taiwan to compete in the

Normal procedures for entry permits or visas to Taiwan by applicants abroad are to submit the applications through National Chinese embassies or countries having diplomatic relations with Taiwan, or to the Nationalist Chinese missions in a third country in case there are no official ties. Despite the continuing silence, news media in Taipei Wednesday played up Taiwan's resolution to host the world tournament.

Government officials, as usual, declined comment. But some sports officials lauded the decision as a great opportunity for Taiwan athletes to acquire softball skills from other participating teams such as the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Japan.

Tang En-Chiang, secretary-general of the Nationalist Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, said he was pleased to learn of the Softball Association's resolution to host the World Women's Softball matches, which will cost the tournament sponsors an estimated \$263,200. He urged the committee to double its efforts to further promote softball.

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## Chile, France name probables for World Cup

SANTIAGO, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Chilean soccer coach Luis Santibanez-Nex has not produced any surprises among the 28 players named Tuesday from which he will choose his squad for the World Cup finals.

The selection, of whom 22 will travel to Spain for the finals starting in June, includes all the men who played a key role in securing Chile's place ahead of South American Group Three qualifying rivals Paraguay and Ecuador.

Veteran defender Elias Figueroa and talented young wingers Patricio

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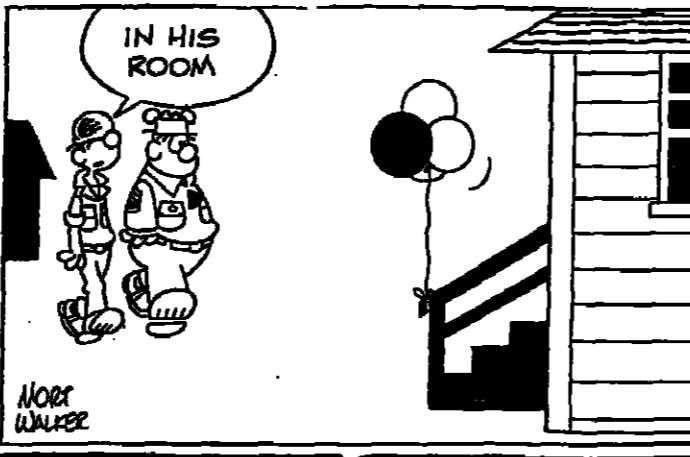
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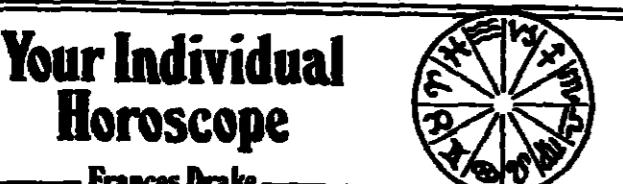
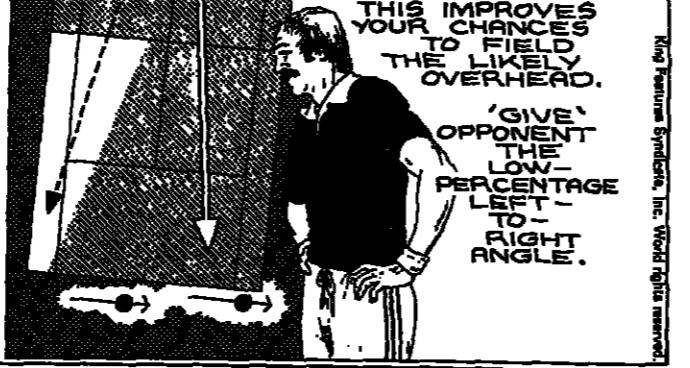
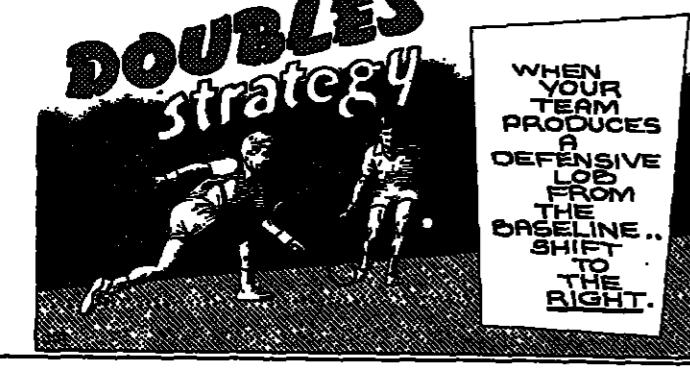
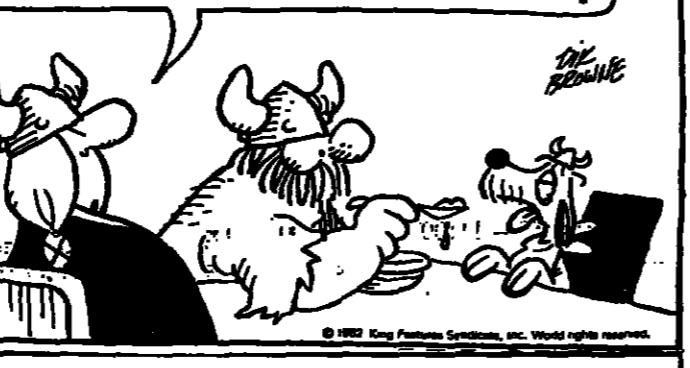
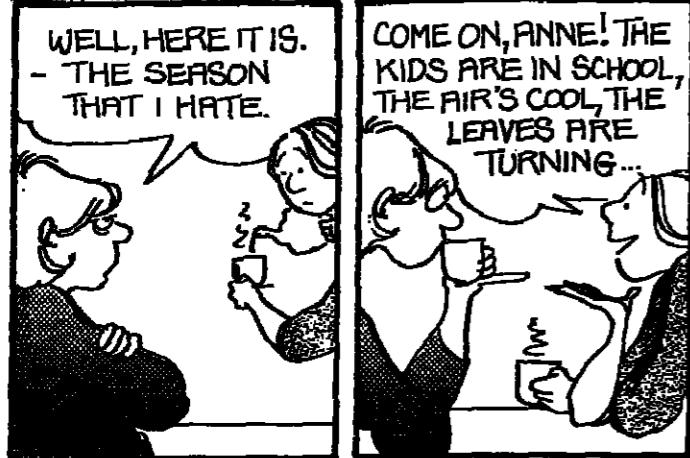
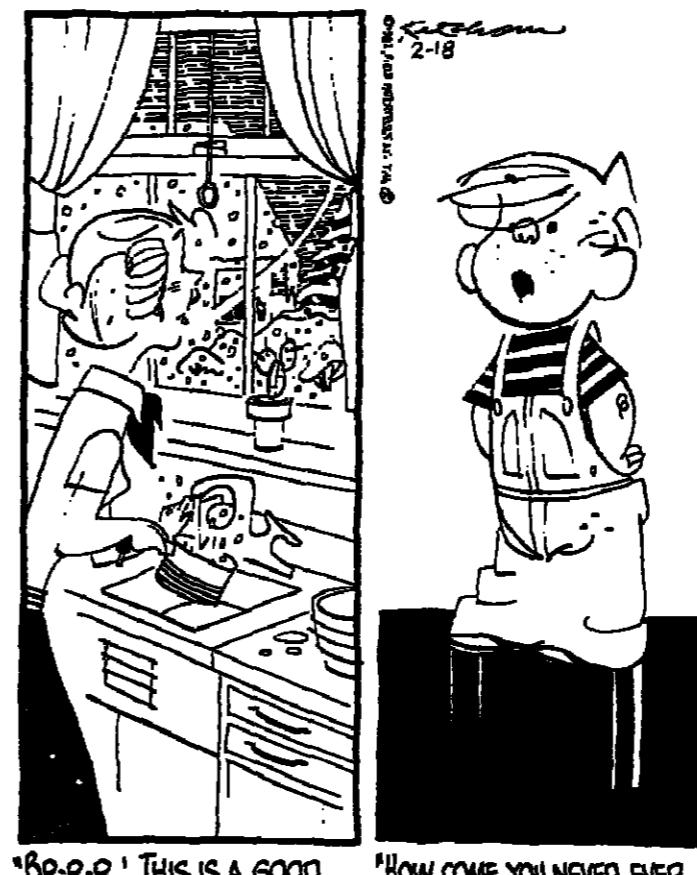
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5 Wheat variety

10 Wagnerian heroine

11 Scooped out

13 Jumble

14 Rest

15 Exactly

17 Samoan warrior

18 N.E. state

19 Neighbor of Ind.

20 Cleaned, as apples

21 Chess play

22 Philippine island

23 Railroad car

24 Russian city

25 Light repast

26 Extinct bird

27 Seed coating

28 Wholly

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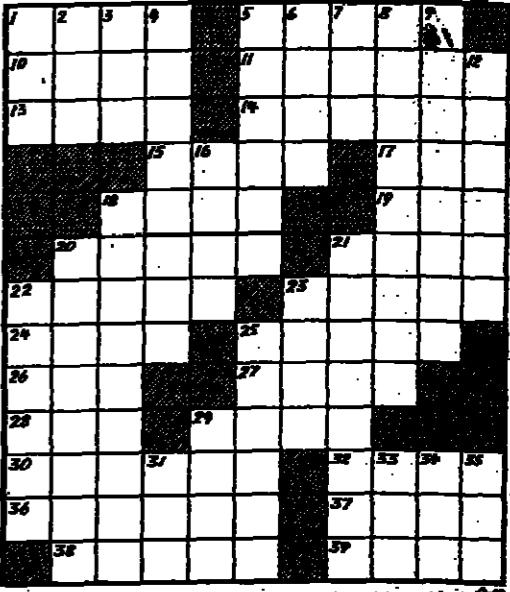
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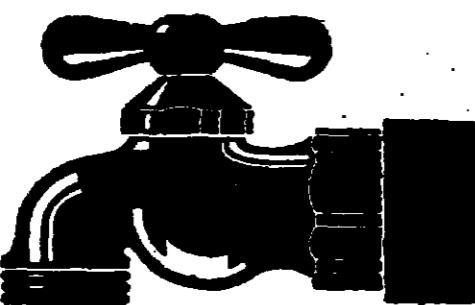
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## International

2 civil guards shot dead

# Basque terror 'upsetting' Spain

MADRID, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — Government officials Wednesday said Basque separatists had killed two civil guards in an attempt to destabilize Spain just before the trial of 32 officers charged with involvement in an abortive military coup a year ago.

The two paramilitary guards were shot dead within hours of each other Tuesday night in the Basque region of north Spain. Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo-Sotelo and Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson attended their funeral in San Sebastian Wednesday.

No one has claimed responsibility for the killings, but police said in a statement that the hard line military wing of the separatist group ETA (ETA-M) was responsible. The Basque regional government denounced the murders as "a shameful act" — by those who clearly want to sink the democratic process in its most delicate moments."

On Friday 32 military officers — mostly civil guards — and one civilian go on trial accused of taking part in the rightist coup attempt last Feb. 23. One reason frequently cited for the coup bid was anger among the military over uncontrolled separatist violence.

Spanish authorities, who fear a new terror campaign by ETA-M during the trial, are also faced with the possibility of violence from ETA's more moderate political-military wing (ETA-PM) which declared a truce just after the failed coup.

The San Sebastian newspaper *El Diario Vasco* reported Wednesday that a weekend meeting of ETA-PM voted in favor of returning to armed struggle.

Well-informed Basque sources said the report should be taken with some seriousness. An Interior Ministry spokesman said ETA-PM had been holding meetings over the past weeks on whether to take up arms again, but he did not know whether a decision had been taken. Police have stepped up their presence throughout the Basque region for the start of the trial.

Spanish authorities, anxious to reassure the military over fears that the atmosphere will affect the court martial, are playing down the killings, notably asking the press to refrain from sensationalism.

Police fear the extreme right, which is demanding the acquittal of the 33, will use Tuesday's murders as an excuse for further violence during the trial.

Police fear that kidnapping attempts may be made on lawyers and witnesses involved in the trial, or on the 17 judges themselves: 13 army generals and three vice admirals, chaired by Lt. Gen. Luis Alvarez Rodriguez.

Special surveillance of known right-wing extremists was ordered several weeks ago, leading to the arrest early this month of Jose Antonio Asisio, chairman of the Neo-Fascist Union. Several weapons were seized at his home.

Operations have also been stepped up against other extremists. In Bilbao, police reported the arrest Wednesday of five suspected commandos of ETA's military wing and the capture of large quantities of arms and explosives.

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lawyers might use the new murders to support the defense case that the officers organized the putsch to save Spain from terrorism and eventual collapse.

Meanwhile 200 men, including special forces, military police and civil guards, are mounting a round-the-clock watch on the army ordnance center where the court martial is to be held, some 10 kms from central Madrid.

The trial opens at 0900 GMT Friday, in a hangar specially converted for the occasion. The 33 defendants were taken to a nearby "residence" last week, where they are allowed any visitors except journalists.

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two majors, 13 captains, eight lieutenants and one civilian, face sentences from one to 30 years. The prosecution has demanded 30 years for Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero, who led the seizure of parliament in full session. Spaniards saw the episode live on television.

Unless the defense manages to reopen the investigation on some technical pretext, the trial is expected to run 35 days, sitting each day except Thursday and Sunday. Meanwhile, observers await with interest a speech by King Juan Carlos, whose stand played a key part in the failure of the coup, at a ceremony on Saturday for the 100th anniversary of the Spanish Military Academy at Saragossa, training ground of all the country's officer corps.

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## International

Voters disenchanted

# Irish election outcome said hanging in balance

DUBLIN, Feb. 17 (Agencies) — A television debate between Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald and opposition leader Charles Haughey left outcome of Thursday's Irish general election very much in the balance.

The republic's second general election in eight months takes place in an atmosphere of economic gloom and widespread disenchantment with the major political parties.

One opinion poll conducted after Tuesday night's debate showed honors fairly even as the two leading political figures sought last-minute votes to tip the result of what has from the outset shaped up as a close contest.

This reflected a finding of earlier opinion polls that more than half the electorate believe little or nothing of what any of the parties say. An opinion poll last weekend gave Haughey's Fianna Fail party, the biggest in the republic, a five percent edge over the ruling two-party coalition led by Fitzgerald.

The poll indicated that promises by Haughey to hold down taxes on food and clothes in the next budget had swung voters behind Fianna Fail, which has held power for 20 of the past 25 years.

Fitzgerald's government fell last month trying to impose tough budget measures which he deemed necessary to save the nation from going bankrupt. The coalition between his Fine Gael Party and the smaller Labor Party was defeated in parliament by just one vote.

Haughey, who succeeded Jack Lynch as prime minister in 1979 and was ousted at the last election, lags so far behind Fitzgerald in personal popularity that he has dropped off the campaign trail in the past week.

The "Irish problem" — of British-administered Northern Ireland where nationalist militants are fighting the British military presence — had meanwhile made little impact on a campaign marked by economic woes.

The republic has unemployment running at 13 percent and inflation at 23 percent, together with a considerable budget and balance of payments deficit.

The chances of Provisional Sinn Fein, political wing of the Provisional IRA (Irish Republican Army) which is waging its own bitter fight against the British in the north, were thought to have greatly diminished in the campaign.

So apparently had those of former militant British MP Mrs. Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, now 35 and married with three children, representing the small People's Democracy Party in a working class north Dublin constituency.

The apparent closeness of a dull campaign, which rapidly became a personal duel between Fitzgerald and Haughey as they crisscrossed this largely agricultural nation of three million people, was underlined by opinion polls.

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## Yugoslavia pleads for end to confrontation at Madrid

MADRID, Feb. 17 (AFP) — The Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) which met again Wednesday in a plenary session heard an impassioned plea from Yugoslavia that it should not be turned into "an arena of confrontation."

The call followed Tuesday's bitter exchanges between Americans and Soviets over the use and production of bacteriological and chemical arms. It was delivered before the 35-nation meeting by Yugoslav Deputy Foreign Minister Ignac Golub, speaking for the group of neutral and nonaligned nations.

Golub began by acknowledging that there had been reason to raise the Polish issue in the current session, but that "it would be wrong to allow one crisis, any one crisis, to block the process of the CSCE, the only existing mechanism of detente in Europe."

"The process of relaxation must not become an instrument of tension," he added. "Confrontation and ideological and bloc rivalries" he insisted, "are neither the instruments nor the methods to resolve crises or to secure respect for fundamental freedoms."

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European conference on disarmament, and there was still time for participants to agree on this point as well as on various other, more modest moves in the sphere of human contacts and better relations between countries.

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